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Three world swimming records set

MUNICH — Three world records were broken in the swimming pool here last night on the second day of Olympic competition with the two super stars, Mark Spitz of the U.S. and Australia's Shane Gould, leading the way home.

For the 22-year-old Spitz, an individual failure at Mexico four years ago, the first day of swimming proved a double triumph because he also anchored the U.S. sprint relay team to victory.

The mustachioed Spitz clocked 2:00.7 to win the 200-metre butterfly from American teammates Gary Hall and Robin Backhaus, and bettered the record of 2:01.5 he posted during the U.S. trials earlier this month.

The U.S. clocked 3:26.42 in the relay to beat the old record of 3:28.4 which they achieved in their heat earlier in the day, to win from the Soviet Union and East Germany.

Miss Gould, the 15-year-old Australian sensation who is going for an unprecedented seven titles, as is Spitz, turned in a tremendous freestyle leg to make up a deficit of about one metre to win the individual medley in 2:23.07. She won from Kornelia Ender of East Germany and America's Lynn Vidali.



U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz surges ahead to win the fourth heat of the 200-metre butterfly event. (AP radiophoto)

WEAK BACKSTROKE

About 30 minutes earlier the Australian schoolgirl had qualified for her individual sprint final in the medley, she was weak on backstroke and it appeared Miss Ender would get away from her but it was not to be.

The 4x100 metres freestyle relay was a tussle between the Americans and the Russians, swimming in adjacent lanes. Russia was ahead after the first leg, but the Americans had come into the lead by the second.

Then America's third man, Jerry Feldenreich, swam a sizzling 50.73 to put the Americans safely ahead, and Spitz finished it off with final leg of 50.90, with the Russians and the East Germans following for second and third berths. The respective times were: 3:26.42; 3:29.72; 3:32.42.

Mick King of the U.S. won the women's springboard diving gold medal. Marina Janicke of East Germany won the bronze medal and Tricka Kanpe of Sweden won the silver.

(UPI, Reuters)

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Shane Gould of Australia leaves the pool after setting a new Olympic record in the 100-metre freestyle. (AP radiophoto)



Ze'ev Friedman lifts 102.5 kilos in Munich. (AP radiophoto)

ISRAELI 2nd DURING OPENING SESSION OF WEIGHT EVENT

MUNICH — Israel's bantamweight Ze'ev Friedman yesterday was in second place after the first session of the Olympic weightlifting competition in this category yesterday afternoon.

Friedman lifted a total of 380 kilos, 12.5 kilos behind Precious McKenzie of Britain.

However, the top-rate men in the bantam class were still to come on last night. They include Mohammed Nassiri of Iran, the defending Olympic champion.

Senior police officer suspended

Jerusalem Post Reporter

ETAH TIKVA — Police Central's strict investigations into the case which began on leave since police began investigating the handling of an ambulance complaint made here earlier in the year, was last night suspended by the Police Inspector-General, Rav-Nitzav Sela.

R/N Sela said the file on the now-completed investigation is being sent to Attorney-General Meir Shamgar. Rav-Paked Ester is the third police officer suspended in the case which began on complaints that police postulated regulations in investigating a \$1,800,000 embezzlement complaint brought earlier in the year by Mr. Avraham Finkler, head of Petah Tikva's Ramtrom prefab building company, against a former partner.

Israel to raise Soviet tax at U.N.

Israel will raise the issue of the diploma tax imposed on Soviet Jewish graduates wishing to emigrate at the coming U.N. Assembly session.

U.N. Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said this at Lod Airport yesterday, when he arrived for brief home leave, and for consultations with the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister.

"I have grounds to assume that Secretary-General Dr. Kurt Waldheim has taken and will take action on this issue," Mr. Tekoah said, adding that he had approached Dr. Waldheim on the subject. Israel's struggle had aroused wide interest in U.N. headquarters and in the U.S. generally, he said. Israel's U.N. delegation had circulated a document about the diploma tax.

Mr. Tekoah said he was convinced Soviet Union would not remain indifferent to the campaign, which has damaged its international image. The shock wave which had spread through the civilized world over the Soviet policy considerations, he said, "Russia's image has reached a new low." Mr. Tekoah reporters at the airport.

It has not yet been decided whether Foreign Minister Abba Eban himself refer to the diploma tax in his Assembly speech, or other members of the Israel government will do so.

Mr. Max Fisher, chairman of the Fish Agency's Board of Governors, said yesterday that he hoped the Government would use its influence to bring about the abolition of the diploma tax.

Speaking at a meeting of the board in Jerusalem, Mr. Fisher called on enlightened nations to do their best to change Russian policy towards the Jews.

Dr. Arye Pincus, chairman of the Fish Agency Executive, said he convinced the Soviet government to listen to public opinion in the world.

He board approved an operational get for the Agency of \$465m. the current fiscal year. It is also a target of \$785m. for funding activities during the coming year.

he Jerusalem Post Paris correspondent, Jack Maurice, reports the French Socialist Party's first secretary, Francois Mitterrand, had written to Soviet Ambassador Pyotr Asimov in Paris protesting against the exorbitant new emigration levies, the party announced yesterday.

Nairobi, where visiting Cardinal Dr. Franz Konig, the senior Catholic churchman of Austria, called on the Soviet Union "to help the Jews return to Israel from behind the Iron Curtain."

In Sydney, Australia, young Jews held a demonstration for Soviet Jews outside a convention hall where the Prime Minister was appearing.

Newspaper coverage continues to be extensive — despite the Olympic Games. In Germany the "Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung" and in the U.S. the "Christian Science Monitor" devoted leaders to the issue.

MAMMOTH FIRE IN GOLAN

Hundreds of dumans of scrubland and parched pasture went up in flames last night in a huge fire along the southern part of the Golan Heights.

None of the villages in the vicinity was threatened by the blaze. The nine left in the Golan by the Syrian forces made it too dangerous for firefighting measures to be taken to halt the blaze. (11m)

Angela Davis "feels wonderful in Moscow"

MOSCOW (AP). — Claiming to carry the "solidarity of American blacks," U.S. Communist Angela Davis flew into Moscow last night and said it felt "wonderful to be on the soil of the Soviet Union."

Miss Davis, who was acquitted of murder, kidnapping and conspiracy charges last June 4, said she owed her freedom to an international campaign on her behalf led by Russia.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

The Libyan Revolutionary Command Council yesterday promulgated two laws giving Egyptians equal rights to those enjoyed by Libyans. It was officially announced in Tripoli, similar laws were recently enacted in Egypt in respect of Libyans.

Parliamentary Action Committee

The French Parliamentary Action Committee in Favour of Soviet Jews, which includes 172 French Deputies and Senators of all parties, except the Communists, voiced its "indignation" at the new Soviet levy in a communique published here yesterday.

The committee said: "The new scale of charges is so high — from two to several years of salary for certain types of university diplomas — that its effect in practice is to completely halt the departure of Jews who wish to emigrate to Israel."

"The Parliamentary Action Committee appeals to the French government and public opinion, so that France's disapproval can help to put an end to the escalation of repression."

Mr. Salomon Friedrich, president of the French Union of Jews of Eastern European origin, issued an appeal to French President Georges Pompidou to intervene with the Soviet government "so that this shameful decision contrary to the rights of man shall be cancelled."

The first reaction to the ransom laws from a leading church prelate was recorded over the weekend in Israel.

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Ministers meet on teachers' wage demands

Little hope of averting strike

Jerusalem Post Staff

Wage talks with the two teachers unions will continue on the basis of official wage policy.

This was decided upon late last night at a meeting held by the Ministerial Wage Committee in the Jerusalem office of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir. The teachers' demands were described as "highly exaggerated" and as "deviating greatly" from Government wage policy, which is based on the framework agreement signed by the Histadrut and the Manufacturers Association in February. The demands were said to amount to an increase of 129 per cent.

The Ministers empowered an Interministerial Committee to continue its negotiations with the two unions within the official wage framework. Present at the meeting were Ministers Sapir, Alon, Gvati, Peled, Hazani and Kol, and deputy ministers Ya'acobi and Shaari.

OVERCROWDING

The responsible authorities will also continue to examine the problem of overcrowded classrooms, the Education Ministry spokesman told *The Post*. In response to reports that a Government-teachers party committee was likely to be appointed to work out plans for reducing classroom crowding, the spokesman said no such committee had yet been set up.

Little hope was seen of avoiding a partial school strike when Education Ministry director-general Elad Peled met with the heads of Israel's two big teachers' unions in Israel. TV's "Moked" programme last night. Histadrut Teachers Union head Shalom Levin said his union would keep first, seventh and ninth grades closed in the country's eight largest cities when schools reopen on Friday. He said his union, which covers primary and junior high school teachers, was seeking to compel the Ministry to cut maximum permitted class size from 40 to 35. Mr. Reuven Aviram of the non-Histadrut Secondary School Teachers Union, backed the demand for smaller classes but said his group would not join the strike.

Mr. Peled said the Ministry had already offered to cut classes in problem schools by five pupils each in the coming year. He said the teachers' union had turned down the offer and demanded an immediate overall class reduction. Mr. Levin countered that his union would accept such a step for the first year but wanted a firm Ministry commitment to gradually extend the reduction to all schools over a five-year period.

Mr. Peled said overall reduction of classroom crowding would call for IL250m. for building 2,000 new classrooms, and require hiring 1,500 more teachers for the primary schools and 2,000 more for the secondary schools.

Nixon flying to Hawaii to meet envoy over war

More troop cuts

SAN CLEMENTE, California. — U.S. President Nixon will confer in Honolulu on the Vietnam War on Thursday with Ellsworth Bunker, U.S. Ambassador to South Vietnam, the White House announced yesterday.

Mr. Nixon is flying to Honolulu on Wednesday for talks with Japanese Prime Minister Kakuei Tanaka. Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said the President wanted to hold general consultations with Mr. Bunker on the war.

Mr. Ziegler said the President would make another announcement about U.S. troop levels in Vietnam before flying to Honolulu.

American troop strength dropped to 37,700 men last Thursday, a U.S. Command spokesman in Vietnam said yesterday — 1,300 below Mr. Nixon's target of 39,000 by next Friday. Observers believe Mr. Nixon will order another pullback, of perhaps 10,000 to 15,000 men, leaving the remainder in South Vietnam as a residual force, until Hanoi has released all American prisoners of war.

Defence Secretary Melvin Laird, who conferred with the President here yesterday, told reporters that South Vietnamese forces would be able to handle any new offensive that North Vietnam might launch on the ground in the South. Mr. Laird acknowledged that more North Vietnamese troops had been sent to South Vietnam, although he did not specifically confirm reports that Hanoi's strength there had been increased by 20,000 men.

Mr. Nixon also announced yesterday that he plans to redeem a 1968 campaign pledge by ending peacetime conscription entirely by July 1, 1972.

Mr. Nixon said Secretary Laird told him experience "seems to show that sufficient numbers of volunteers can be attracted to the armed forces, to meet peace-time manpower needs." (UPI, AP)

Nixon: M.-E. settlement still possible

By SAM LIPSKI

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — President Nixon still believes a Middle East settlement is possible in the years ahead but he has no intention of trying to impose a settlement, according to a "Newsweek" magazine interview with Mr. Nixon published yesterday.

Speaking with Stewart Alsop, a "Newsweek" commentator, on board the presidential jet after the Miami Beach convention, Mr. Nixon described the Middle East as another "very difficult" problem to which he would pay a lot of attention if re-elected in November.

Alsop quotes the President as saying that the bargaining position of the Israelis was "very strong." He then asked Mr. Nixon: "Wasn't that a good reason for the Israelis to offer generous terms?" I (Alsop) quoted Churchill in my turn: "In victory, magnanimity." That said the President was just what he had often said to the Israelis, but you had to realize that when people are outnumbered 100 to 1 by enemies, they couldn't afford to be put on the defensive."

The President added: "China and Russia will be in competition with us. And there will be competition between them, too. But I think international economic problems will be much more important in a second term than in the past four years, and that will help us to reduce the danger of war."

Soldier hurt in Gaza blast

Jerusalem Post Reporter

GAZA — A soldier was slightly injured when an unidentified person threw a grenade at an army camp near Jebalya here on Sunday night. The grenade-thrower got away under cover of darkness. Security forces are investigating.

This incident occurred just two days after a grenade attack at an Israeli camp near Falstin Square here — in which one person was killed and 26 others wounded — ending a six-month period of quiet in the Gaza Strip.

Security circles here said yesterday it was still not clear whether these were two isolated incidents or whether they marked the resurgence of a terrorist group. They pointed out it would not be difficult to cancel the recent security relaxations, such as the lifting of curfew.

But, they added, this is exactly what the terrorists want to achieve. They intimated that the situation would have to get more serious before drastic measures were taken.

On the surface, life in Gaza still appears normal — with the streets teeming with townspeople and visitors, including tourists — but a number of Gazans have expressed their anger and bitterness at the two latest incidents. "We only want to live in peace and earn our daily bread without being dependent on charity," one of them told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Zadok tipped as Justice Minister

TEL AVIV. — Mr. Haim Zadok, M.K., Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, is tipped as the next Minister of Justice, Labour Party circles confirmed here yesterday.

Prime Minister Golda Meir has held the Justice portfolio since the resignation of the former minister, Mr. Yaacov Shimshon Shapiro. Mr. Zadok, who was formerly Minister of Commerce and Industry, has one of the largest law offices in the country. The final decision is expected over the High Holidays. Party sources reported.

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HEYKAL MEETS BRANDT

Call for stronger economic ties

By BRIAN ARTHUR

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

MUNICH. — Chancellor Willy Brandt and the editor of the semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram," Mohammed Heykal, met here for an hour yesterday, as both Bonn and Egypt publicly advocated stronger economic ties.

West German television reported that one result of the meeting was that it was made clear that Cairo does not expect Bonn to mediate between Egypt and Israel in the Middle East conflict.

Mr. Heykal is a guest at the 1972 Olympics being held here, during which Mr. Brandt is also meeting a number of foreign leaders and heads of state.

But this past weekend Hans Juergen Wischniewski, a key Arab affairs expert in Mr. Brandt's Socialist Party, called for boosting slumping trade with Egypt by granting Cairo new credits and rescheduling massive Egyptian debts.

Mr. Wischniewski went even further ahead during a visit to a West Berlin trade fair and reportedly called for a bigger West German hand in Middle East matters.

As one "practical step" in this direction, Mr. Wischniewski suggested a joint European effort to free 14 ships trapped in the Suez Canal since the Six Day War in June 1967, agency reports said.

An Egyptian delegation is scheduled to come to West Germany in October to discuss the trade problem and resumption of German development aid.

In a related development, a Bonn Foreign Ministry spokesman described as "without foundation" a newspaper report from Beirut that West Germany was acting as a mediator to improve relations between the U.S. and Cairo following the latter's ousting of Soviet military advisers.

The "An Nahar" newspaper in Beirut also said Heykal's visit to West Germany was part of his campaign. "This report is without foundation and is another example of pure newspaper speculation," the spokesman said.

Izvestia raps Cairo editor

MOSCOW (Reuters). — "Izvestia" last night launched an angry attack on an Egyptian newspaper editor, who it said placed Soviet-Egyptian relations on the same level as those between the U.S. and Israel.

The stinging commentary was aimed at Hassan Abdel Kaddus, editor of the weekly "Alkhar el-Yom."

To judge by what he wrote, the only difference between the two big powers' role was that the U.S. fights on Israel's side, while the Soviet Union confined itself to "expansion" in Egypt, "Izvestia" said. "He who speaks of Soviet 'expansion' simply provides grist to the mill of imperialist and Zionist falsifiers," the government newspaper added.

Last night's article followed the general line pursued by the Soviet press, since Egypt asked Russia to withdraw its military experts and gave the impression they were leaving after their task was completed.

"Izvestia" said the chief editor of "Alkhar el-Yom," a government owned newspaper, dared to slander the Soviet Union by declaring that it had failed to fulfil the military aid clause of its friendship treaty with Egypt. Kaddus omitted to say that the treaty provided for such aid "in accordance with appropriate agreements," and these had been fulfilled completely by the Soviet side, it said.

In its assault on the editor, probably intended for more highly placed Egyptians as well, "Izvestia" also gave the careful Russian reader a broad insight into Cairo's criticism of the Soviet attitude. Despite what had happened, "we are profoundly certain that the desire dominates in Egypt to develop still further friendly Soviet-Egyptian relations," the commentary said.

Nili returns safely

HAIFA. — The Israel liner m.s. Nili arrived here at midnight, over two hours late due to a delay in Venice on Saturday where a bomb scare had been reported. The ship was thoroughly searched but nothing was found.

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CONTINUED PROTESTS ON SOVIET RANSOM OF JEWS

Jerusalem Post Staff
Members of the Executive of the World Council for Social Welfare have appealed to the President of the U.S.S.R. and to the Secretary-General of the U.N. for the abolition of the "academicians' tax" imposed on Jews wanting to leave Russia.

Prof. Yuichi Nakamura, Dean of the Japanese School for Social Work in Tokyo, said in a cable sent to the Soviet President that the "ransom" was "contrary to all human principles and to the declared policies of the U.S.S.R. of easing international tensions, and your Government's explicit public promises to facilitate return of families."

rights of man, for which the inmates appealed to the Soviet Veterans of the free world had fought in World War II. The world federation has 20 affiliated members in some 50 countries.

Cables were also sent to five non-Jewish U.S. veterans organizations — embracing some eight million members, urging them to voice their protest.

The organizations of former partisans, anti-Nazi fighters and former Nazi concentration camp

Veterans of the Second World War to "take all possible measures to halt the oppression of the Jewish people" in their country.

The Israel Union of Graduates in the Social Sciences and Humanities has sent out letters to its counterpart organizations throughout the world, asking for their support in the fight against the new Soviet decree.

THE WEATHER

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Social and Personal

President Shazar yesterday received Mr. Arye Pincus, chairman of the World Zionist Organization and the Jewish Agency Executive.

The Chief of Army Intelligence, Aluf Aharon Yariv, on Sunday night gave a reception for outgoing Army Spokesman Aluf-Mishne Yosef Calaf and his successor Aluf-Mishne Pinchas Lahav. Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf David Elazar, and Aluf Amos Horev, the Quartermaster-General, were present, as were members of the local and foreign press corps and senior army officers.

The Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Arthur Agestner, paid a farewell call on the Mayor, Tel Aviv, Mr. Y. Rabinovitch, at his office. The Town Clerk, Mr. Z. Avigal, was also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Abdel Janho of Ramallah accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Kamel Amad visited the Weizmann Institute yesterday and were luncheon guests of Institute President and Mrs. Albert Satlin.

Mrs. Manlio Brosio, wife of the ex-Nato secretary-general and Italian Liberal Party leader, now visiting Israel, yesterday toured Wizo's Jerusalem training centre for Arab women in Wadi Joz and Phoebe Leon creche in Katamon.

The Jewish War Veterans of the U.S., Post 180 (Tel Aviv), will meet on Tuesday, September 5, at 8 p.m. in Beit Hahayal in Tel Aviv. All ex-U.S. servicemen in Israel are invited.

The Promised Land Ltd., 10 Rehov Eilat, Jerusalem congratulates Mr. Meyer Caiserman on his birthday. (Communicated)

BIRTH
MINKOWICH — To Susan (née Bellos) and Avraham Minkowich, a daughter, at Hadassah Hospital, Jerusalem, August 28, 1972.

ARRIVALS
The former Chief Rabbi of Great Britain, Sir Israel Brodie, and Lady Brodie, for the dedication of the preparatory school at Midreshet Nour, in Kfar Saba.

Mrs. Ella Lewis, Honorary President of American Mizrahim Organization, and Mrs. Anne Scall of the National Board, both from New York, on organizational matters (by El Al).

DEPARTURES
Mayor Teddy Kollek, for a four-day trip to Italy, to lecture on Jerusalem, at the invitation of the American University in Rome.

Storm wrecked 1,000 homes in Khartoum
BEIRUT (UPI). — A freak thunderstorm which struck Khartoum on Saturday destroyed more than 1,000 homes, Jaafar Mohammed Ali Baqcheh, Sudanese Minister of Local Government, said.

30 OVERSEAS SCIENTISTS are studying new membrane research techniques developed at the Weizmann Institute in a week-long post-graduate course which opened yesterday in Rehovot, sponsored by the Institute and the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO).

Our sincerest condolences to Mrs. LABUNSKY and family on the untimely death of FRANCISCO EFRAIM LABUNSKY MOSHE ZIMMERMANN FAMILY.

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The Family Her Friends — Members of Lehi

Group plans Kahane says to abduct rights were 'denied' Soviets

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Rabbi Meir Kahane of the Jewish Defence League yesterday warned of the existence of a group called Nakam (vengeance) which plans to kidnap Soviet diplomats and agents within a fortnight as part of the campaign for Soviet Jewry.

Meeting the press yesterday at an office in the El Al Building here, Rabbi Kahane denied that Nakam was an offshoot of the J.D.L., but conceded that he condoned such unorthodox tactics. The people behind Nakam had consulted him, Rabbi Kahane said.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, leader of the Jewish Defence League, yesterday applied to the High Court of Justice for an order nisi calling on the Defence Minister and the Military Governor of Judea and Samaria to show cause why he should not be allowed to "tour" the old Jewish quarter of Hebron.

In the application, submitted by the J.D.L. lawyer, Mr. M. Schechter, Rabbi Kahane stated that his organization is dedicated to the idea of "fostering love of country and people among the youth, and encouraging settlement within the historical, promised boundaries of Eretz-Yisrael."

Scuffles at Israeli show in Melbourne

MELBOURNE (Reuter). — Members of the Palestinian-Australian Solidarity Committee scuffled with theatre-goers here during a protest Sunday night against the visit of an Israeli Army entertainment group.

Special security precautions have been taken to protect the group against possible demonstrations.

Boy, 7, U.S. woman killed on roads

Two persons — including a seven-year-old boy — lost their lives in two road accidents on Sunday. Nine other people were injured, two of them seriously.

A car driven by Shoshana Malki, 32, of Ramle, overturned on a hillside 80 of the Arava Road on Sunday night. Ronnie Arussi, seven, of Ramat Gan, was killed instantaneously and his parents, Eliezer and Yona Arussi, were slightly injured. The driver, her husband and their two children, aged seven and five, were also hurt. All the injured were taken to the Negev Central Hospital in Beersheva.

Bottled cooking gas may run taxicabs

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Bottled cooking gas is being used by a number of industrial firms to run their forklifts. The forklifts operate indoors part of the time, and it has been found that they give off much less noxious fumes on gas than they do on petrol.

The use of gas is being promoted by the Amisragas Company in conjunction with Borg-Warner of the U.S. So far, 100 forklifts have been converted to bottled gas in 15 plants.

Larger taxis for Gaza Strip

Jerusalem Post Reporter
GAZA. — Gaza Strip taxi owners will now be able to exchange their five-seater cabs for seven-seaters, according to a regulation issued yesterday by the Military Government.

However, starting September 8, only one passenger will be allowed to be seated next to the driver, the new regulation says. Owners wishing to acquire the larger cabs will have to pay an additional IL2,000 for the permit.

Mr. Rafael Fradis, General Manager of Amisragas, told The Jerusalem Post last night that the main changes in converting an automobile engine to gas is in the carburettor.

There are two ways of adapting an automobile to gas, he said. One is to carry two balloons of gas. When one gets empty, you switch to the second and buy another.

The second possibility, Mr. Fradis said, is to turn the existing petrol tank into a gas container, which can be filled with gas whenever you feel like it at a gas station, nearly the same way that you take petrol.

He also pointed out that gas takes you the same distance that petrol does. If for instance your car does 12 kilometers per litre of petrol, it will do the same on (liquefied) gas.

He pointed out that a dual-purpose carburettor can be installed in taxis to enable them to use either gas or petrol. The taxi driver could use gas in the city and petrol outside. He noted that in the U.S., Holland, Denmark and Italy many taxi cabs are already travelling on gas.

Air France marks 25th anniversary of service here Nepal protest to India on intrusion

Air France celebrated the 25th anniversary of its service to Lod Airport this month — a service which began in 1947 with Cairo as an intermediate stop.

In an announcement put out to mark the occasion, the firm recalls that on August 12, 1947, the Paris-Athens-Cairo route was extended to terminate at Lod. The first plane to touch down here was a DC-4, but within 10 days Air France was flying Constellations to Lod, the first time these planes were used in the country.

KATMANDU (Reuter). — Nepal has protested to India over an armed intrusion from India along Nepal's southeastern frontier last Thursday, foreign ministry officials said yesterday.

The officials said Mr. L.P. Singh, the Indian Ambassador, was summoned for a meeting with Foreign Minister Gyanendra Bahadur Karki on Monday and handed an aide memoire asking India to take "necessary action."

Nepal Home Minister Jog Mehar Shrestha told the National Panchayat (Parliament) on Monday that one Nepalese policeman was killed in a clash with the intruders in the Sagarmath area.

Service was suspended during the War of Independence, but resumed again in September 1949 (without the Cairo stop).

Air France now has 16 flights a week between Israel and France and three more between Israel and the Far East.

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The unveiling of the tombstone of Rabbi David Rackman will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, August 30, 1972, at 4.30 p.m. at Har Hameinuhot, Jerusalem at Heikat Haperushim, block Heb, lot Heb. Friends and family from Israel and the U.S.A. will attend. Friends will meet at the entrance to the cemetery.



OUTDOOR CONCERT. — The mobile concert shell adopted by the Tel Aviv Municipality made its debut Saturday night. The Youth Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Shalom Ronit-Rikhs, performed for more than a thousand music-lovers camped out on the grass in the Yarkon Park. The next performance is tomorrow night.

Boy, 7, U.S. woman killed on roads

Two persons — including a seven-year-old boy — lost their lives in two road accidents on Sunday. Nine other people were injured, two of them seriously.

A car driven by Shoshana Malki, 32, of Ramle, overturned on a hillside 80 of the Arava Road on Sunday night. Ronnie Arussi, seven, of Ramat Gan, was killed instantaneously and his parents, Eliezer and Yona Arussi, were slightly injured. The driver, her husband and their two children, aged seven and five, were also hurt. All the injured were taken to the Negev Central Hospital in Beersheva.

'Drowned' student turns up safe

HAIFA. — A medical student frantically sought by police since his clothes and belongings were found on a beach here Saturday turned up safe and sound at a Haifa police station yesterday, claiming that his effects had been stolen.

Attendants at Haifa's Hof Hahshaket beach found clothing and belongings, including a stethoscope and IL285, belonging to the student, Avraham Katz, 22. Police found no trace of Katz either at his home or at Samsam Hospital, where he is studying, and he was declared missing, presumed drowned. (Hem)

25th anniversary celebrations kick off early

Israel's 25th anniversary celebrations will kick off next month, according to Mr. Yehuda Elyan, head of the Government Information Centre, the early start was made necessary by the elections scheduled for the autumn of 1973.

Mr. Elyan told the radio last night that the Information Centre has to suspend all its public activities several months before elections. Because of the need to end early, it was decided to start the 25th anniversary festivities early.

Boy nearly electrocuted

A nine-year-old deaf boy who climbed up a 10-metre high-tension wire pole in Jerusalem's Shmuel Hanavi Quarter on Sunday evening suffered severe burns and fractures when he was thrown to the ground by the current. Five doctors at Shaare Zedek hospital last night said he would recover.

The boy, whose name was not released, had climbed the pole at the corner of Shmuel Hanavi and Yeheskel. His near-electrocution caused a blackout in the entire neighbourhood.

Mekorot builds houses on Golan Heights

TEL AVIV. — Mekorot is carrying out engineering and building projects estimated at IL50m. in the Golan Heights, Mekorot is contractor of the Ministry of Housing and is one of the biggest contractors on the Heights.

Mekorot spokesman Mordechai Yacobovitch said that the main projects are the 300 houses being built at the villages of Ramot, Givat Yoav, Euel Yehuda, Neot Hagolan, Ramat Maghinit, Ein Zivan, Niv and Ramat Shalom.

Two indicted for exam fraud try

HAIFA. — A Tel Aviv architect who allegedly tried to take a matriculation exam for someone else was charged in the Magistrate's Court here yesterday with falsifying documents and attempting to trick the Education Ministry. Also brought up on the same charges was the supposed beneficiary of the ruse, a 24-year-old man from Safad.

The charges state that the architect, 29, turned up for a November 1971 extramural examination in mathematics carrying the Safad man's identity card, into which the architect's picture had been pasted. When the architect answered to the Safad man's name during the roll-call, the examiner noticed the discrepancy and asked him to leave. The examiner that day happened to be someone who knew the Safad man by sight.

Sewage recovery only source of irrigation water

Sewage is Israel's only possible source of extra irrigation water over the next ten years, Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati told a meeting of farmers in Rehovot yesterday.

Mr. Gvati added that the plan depended on the answer the World Bank gives in October to Israel's request for a IL350m. loan to build new sewage treatment plants in a number of cities.

Iraq to get \$100m loan from Poland

BAGHDAD (Reuter). — Iraq is to receive a loan of \$100m. from Poland under a recent agreement, Iraq's Oil Minister, Dr. Saadoun Hammadi, said here.

Dr. Hammadi was quoted by the official Iraq News Agency yesterday as saying that the agreement was signed during a one-week visit which he paid to Poland at the invitation of the Polish Minister of Industries.

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Philadelphia to have Tel Aviv Square

TEL AVIV. — The chairman of the Philadelphia City Council, Mr. George X. Schwartz, yesterday informed Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz of the Council's decision to name one of its public squares after Tel Aviv.

Philadelphia is a twin city of Tel Aviv.

A year ago, the Mayor named a street in a new quarter of Tel Aviv after Philadelphia.

Mr. Schwartz was accompanied by Mr. Sidney H. Baer, a Jewish community leader in Philadelphia.

U.S. Coast Guard citation to Zim

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The Assistant U.S. Naval Attaché, Commander Robert Juengling, yesterday awarded certificates of appreciation and pennants to Zim on behalf of the U.S. Coast Guard Commander, Admiral C.R. Bender.

The awards, made on board the Zim freighter, ms. Leah in the port, were in appreciation of the participation of Zim ships in the Coast Guard's Automated Merchant Vessel Report Programme, (A.M.V.R.), which is devoted to safety at sea.

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Dockers end brief 'no changes' strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. — The port workers' no change' fight against the new port foreman system erupted in a short-lived strike action yesterday. The workers' secretariat ordered 25 men off the German container ship M.S. Penguin during the morning, but the dockers resumed work in the afternoon shift following the intervention of the Labour Council.

The Port manager, Mr. Yitzhak Rahav, had warned the dockers that they would bear full responsibility for the ship's agent decision to transfer the ship to Ashdod because she was being loaded in Haifa. Apparently his warning also had an effect as the men stood to lose a premium job.

Bonds leaders promise further \$150m. before end of year

HERRY HILL, NEW JERSEY. — More than 300 U.S. and Canadian Jewish leaders of the Israel Bond Organization committed themselves to sell an additional \$150m. in Israel Bonds in the closing four months of this year.

At a two-day conference here held to inaugurate the autumn campaign for the Bonds, Sam Rothberg, General Chairman of the organization, reported that so far this year the sale of Bonds produced \$50m. in cash, the highest figure realized during the first eight months of any year in the organization's history.

World Bank group here for loans discussions

TEL AVIV. — A World Bank mission arrived here on Sunday as part of the Industrial Development Bank of Israel.

Headed by Mr. B. Hansen, the mission's other members are Miss Sanlin and Mr. G. Maniatis.

The mission will stay in the country until the end of next week. It will decide on criteria for financing of loans and ways that the bank will be able to follow up their per use.

The mission will meet the Governor of the Bank of Israel, Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Minister of Finance Dr. Zvi Dinshin, the president of the Manufacturers Association Mr. Mark Mosevics, chairman of the Hevrat Ovdim Mr. Yehuda Yadin and a number of other manufacturers and high ranking government officials. They will visit a number of industrial plants.

Manufacturers in rates rise protest

TEL AVIV. — Manufacturers' opposition to steep rises in municipal rates imposed on the Minister of Interior, Dr. Yosef Burg, by a coalition of the Coordinating Economic Organizations led by Avraham Shavit yesterday.

The Minister was asked to freeze municipal rates until an acceptable rate is approved by the authorities.

Labour court: worker has 'right' to job

TEL AVIV. — The labour laws of this country incline towards the view that the worker enjoys a kind of "title" to his job, the Tel Aviv District Labour Court held this week.

The court was hearing the appeal of the Assia Chemical Laboratories against a temporary injunction issued against the dismissal of Dr. Zvi Rikess, a 68-year-old physician who had started working as a medical propagandist with the Zori pharmaceutical company in 1946. In 1964, when Zori merged with Assia, Dr. Rikess was kept on. In January of this year he received a letter of dismissal with no explanation given.

Dr. Rikess, who reaches retirement age in April 1974, obtained a temporary injunction last March after claiming that his dismissal would affect his pension rights. The company appealed, arguing that an employer has the right to fire an employee if he wishes to dispense with his services. The employee has the right to demand severance pay — if he feels his dismissal was unjustified — and nothing more, the company argued.

Labour Court Judge Zvi Harniv dismissed the appeal, saying that most collective labour agreements contained built-in guarantees against arbitrary dismissals. This kind of guarantee should also apply to individuals not protected by collective agreements, he added.

The judge allowed the company right to appeal.



President Shazar congratulates one of the 29 recipients of the "Outstanding Promoters of Tourism" award. Mr. Avraham Glatzer, local manager of Herzl Rent-A-Car, at Beit Hamassi yesterday. On the President's right is Tourism Minister Moshe Kol; on his left, Director-General of the Tourism Ministry Mr. Hanoch Givton.

Citations presented to 'promoters of tourism'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Jerusalem. — Twenty-nine hotels and tourist travel organizations were yesterday cited by President Zalman Shazar as "Outstanding Promoters of Tourism." The certificates were awarded at a ceremony in Jerusalem at the President's Residence.

At a later ceremony in the Knesset, Minister of Tourism Moshe Kol awarded certificates to 98 "Recognized Promoters of Tourism."

The awards were made to earners of at least \$125m. and \$125,000 respectively. The award winners also had to have a record of courteous service.

The public committee recommending the awards decided to withhold the title from two Jerusalem hotels — the Diplomat and the Central — and one in Eilat, the Queen of Sheba. Two other hotels originally kept off the list, the Dan and the Basel in Tel Aviv, won their appeal against the decision and received the certificates.

The other three hotels forfeited their right to the certificates because of complaints about the standard of service there. Recipients of the "Recognized Promoters" certificates included 20 hotels in Jerusalem — among them 11 in the eastern part of the Capital, 14 in Tel Aviv.

Some three million tourists visited Israel in the five years after the Six Day War, more than in the entire 19 years of the State's history that preceded the conflict.

Broadcasters demand better organization

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Staff and management of the Broadcasting Authority held their second meeting in two weeks on Sunday to discuss working relations, this time in an atmosphere described by one observer as much more relaxed than the previous heated session.

Mr. Haim Kubersky, a member of the Board of Directors, said some broadcasters were unable to refrain from leaving their personal imprint on the news they broadcast. Nathan Shaban, deputy chairman of the Board, said the Board acted as a shock absorber for criticism.

Staff members demanded better organization and more professionalism. Yitzhak Roeh of Israel Radio said staff members did not get enough guidance when they were given assignments. Israel Television's Ram Kushnir said there was a need for reporters who specialized in certain fields.

No singing at T.A. clubhouse

TEL AVIV. — An injunction prohibiting singing, dancing and sports activity in the courtyard of a Hashomer Hatzair clubhouse in Rehov Metzrada in North Tel Aviv was issued Friday by the Magistrate's Court here.

The injunction was granted to 10 neighbours of the clubhouse, and forbids any activity in the courtyard between the hours 2 to 4 p.m. weekdays, 5:30 p.m. to 7 a.m. weekdays, and 7 to 9:30 a.m. Saturdays and holidays.

The clubhouse was there long before any of the neighbours came to live there, counsel for Hashomer Hatzair (Mapam's youth movement) protested to the court. Moreover, much of the noise is caused by outsiders, though efforts are made to keep them out. Judge Shaul Aloni, however, did not accept these arguments though he said he recognized the great value of the framework provided by such clubhouses. This end, however, is outweighed, he said, by the justly annoying neighbouring residents, he said.

Train kills man near Haifa

HAIFA. — An unidentified elderly man was run over and killed by a train yesterday morning while trying to cross the tracks near here.

The man, whose age was put at about 70, had been on the tracks between Kiryat Shmaryahu and Kurdanah in the Haifa Bayside area when he was hit by the train, which was coming from Nahariya. The police are investigating. (Itim)

Knesset appointments

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Jerusalem. — Knesset Clerk Netanel Lorch has appointed Mr. Shmuel Jacobson to be his acting deputy clerk, responsible for plenary proceedings. Mr. Jacobson was formerly chief assistant for parliamentary affairs.

In other Knesset appointments, Mr. Gideon Bar-Yosef was appointed acting deputy clerk for administration, and Mr. Ya'acov Lemberger was made acting Knesset accountant.

Crook talks too much

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHDOD. — A petty crime which had been worrying the local police chief Pakad Ezeal Linhard for several weeks has now been solved.

Several weeks ago, Pakad Linhard was awakened in the middle of the night by a strange noise in his home. Grabbing his gun, he jumped out of bed and went to investigate.

It was a thief who was trying to rob the police chief's home. However, he was too nimble for Pakad Linhard, and managed to escape.

Rozari Rosebach, 23, from Ashdod, was seated at a local cafe with several friends recently when he bragged that he had nearly succeeded in stealing from the local police chief's house. Rosebach was unaware that a plainclothes policeman overheard him.

He was arrested on the spot and brought before a magistrate on Sunday for an extension of his arrest for 10 days.

Questioned by the Jerusalem Post on the incident, Pakad Linhard answered crisply, "some people have chupah."

Noisy thieves give selves away

PETAH TIKVA. — Suspicious nighttime noises led to the capture of three local teenagers inside a Petah Tikva grocery before dawn yesterday.

Passers-by were alerted by the racket and called the police. They found a delivery tricycle ready to be loaded up parked nearby.

The youths, aged 16, 17 and 18, were already familiar to them, the police said. (Itim)

Prisoner caught day after escape

TEL AVIV. — A Ramle jail prisoner was recaptured yesterday, a day after he eluded guards while on a visit to his family in Jaffa. The man, Dov Simoni, can now expect an additional sentence on top of the 12 years for manslaughter he has been serving for killing his wife.

Simoni made his break for freedom Sunday evening, as he was going out the door of the family home in Jaffa for the trip back to Ramle jail, his home for the past four years. The two prison guards who were his escorts held their fire for fear of hitting bystanders.

After an all-night search by Tel Aviv and Central District police, Simoni was found hiding in a shed not far from where he had escaped his guards. Police say he at first gave another man's name, but it happened to be one well known to his captors.

Simoni will be put on trial for his escape attempt. (Itim)

E. Jerusalemite shot running away to Akaba

EILAT. — A young man from East Jerusalem was shot and wounded slightly when he tried to cross from Eilat to Akaba yesterday morning.

His name and age were not given. The young man was spotted by an army patrol as he made for the border at a run. He ignored challenges to halt and stopped only after he was shot.

He was treated at the Josephthal Hospital and discharged in police custody. (Itim)

Rabbinical rifts sharpen as elections near

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
With the Chief Rabbinate Election campaign now in full swing, the supporters of the various candidates have been sharpening their attacks against each other. On Friday, the five Sephardi members of the Chief Rabbinate Council — who generally support Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim — sent an angry letter to an Ashkenazi member, Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli, rejecting his charges that they vote at Council meetings like automatons without applying logical thought.

Rabbi Yisraeli — an Untermyer supporter (Rabbi Nissim backs Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi Goren against Untermyer) — had written to the Council and to the two Chief Rabbis last week that he would no longer attend Council sessions because decisions were being pushed through by Chief Rabbi Nissim, who could count on the five Sephardi members plus Rabbi Goren to give him a majority.

The five Sephardim — Rabbis Houghi, Aboudi, Rafael Abu, Yosef Kaphan, Haim David Halevi and Shaalom Yitzhak Halevi — question Rabbi Yisraeli's assumption that "logical thought is the province only of the minority, that only the minority is allowed to speak and vote, and that the vote of the majority — after due consideration — is necessarily tendentious."

The five signatories write that, since Rabbi Yisraeli saw fit to leak his letter to the press, they would do the same with theirs.

The five also take umbrage on behalf of Chief Rabbi Nissim at Rabbi Yisraeli's allegation that he had uttered a curse against him. Rabbi Yisraeli wrote in his letter that, at the last Council meeting, Rabbi Nissim had uttered a curse against him. "May the lips of the liar be shut" — against him. The five Sephardi rabbis say they checked the protocol and found that Rabbi Nissim had said concerning Rabbi Yisraeli: "I don't know why he is taking offence. No one was talking about him."

In fact, Rabbi Nissim's utterance was directed against another Ashkenazi Councillor, Rabbi Eliezer Goldschmidt. Both Rabbi Goldschmidt and Rabbi Yisraeli left the Council meeting after the utterance.

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Druse officer upped to rank of Sgan-Aluf

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ACRE. — A Druse officer was promoted yesterday to the rank of Sgan-Aluf, the highest rank a Druse army officer has achieved. He is deputy commander of the Minorities Unit.

He was inducted 17 years ago and was among the first group of Druse conscripted under the National Service Law.

After he completed his service, he accepted an offer of a career in the regular army. He graduated a course for combat officers with distinction and took part in many skirmishes with terrorists, mainly after the 1967 war. Three years ago, he was still a Seren (captain), and served for over two years as a Rav-Seren (major).

When the officer commanding the Minorities Unit, Aluf Arieh Simon, died of a heart attack three months ago, Druse notables petitioned the Chief of Staff to appoint the Druse officer as his successor. They were given to understand that army appointments are not influenced by petitions, and that the time was not yet ripe for making a Druse commander of the unit. His latest promotion was greeted with satisfaction in the Druse community, but critics pointed out that in Syria, Druse officers have been made brigadiers and even chiefs of staff. "We don't aspire to a Druse Chief of Staff, but it is time that one of our men be promoted to the rank of Aluf (brigadier)," many Druse commented.

Pre-fab school burns down in Ashkelon

ASHKELON. — A 14-classroom elementary school in the Shimshon Quarter here was razed by a fire on Sunday evening, just five days before the opening of the school year.

Neighbours noticed smoke billowing out of the Ben-Zvi Elementary School about seven in the evening and summoned the Fire Brigade. The firemen extinguished the blaze within two hours and left the scene. But the fire started anew after they left.

All the firemen could do when they returned was to keep it from spreading to neighbouring buildings.

An official investigation was under way yesterday, as school officials pondered over where to send the pupils when school starts on Friday. The head of the Ashkelon Municipal Education Department, Mr. Zadok Doron, told "Itim" there appeared to be no alternative to opening afternoon shifts in nearby schools to accommodate the Ben-Zvi pupils.

The Ben-Zvi school was of a highly inflammable prefabricated material. It was put up in the late 1950s despite criticism from parents and teachers. (Itim)

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Sadat speech to mark first anniversary of Federation

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Egypt's President Anwar Sadat will deliver a nationwide speech on Friday, about the latest developments in the Middle East conflict.

The official Libyan news agency said yesterday Sadat's "important" address will be broadcast simultaneously over the official radio networks of Egypt, Syria and Libya, members in a tripartite federation. Sadat will speak in his capacity as the head of the federation, which marks its first anniversary on Friday, the news agency said.

Sadat is unlikely to touch on issues of wider importance, such as his relations with the Soviet Union and the U.S. He has been speaking cautiously about his ties with the two super-powers since his ouster of the Russian military advisers from Egypt.

Meanwhile, top Egyptian officials, including the secretary-general of Egypt's sole political party, the Arab Socialist Union, Sayyed Marei, have this week admitted that Egyptian-Soviet relations have further deteriorated. Cairo is currently making efforts to salvage as much as it can of Moscow's economic aid, and to assure the flow of spare parts for Soviet weapons used in Egypt's forces.

The Egyptians apparently hope the Russians will supply aid and more spares in return for continued use of Egyptian ports, to service their naval craft.

Cairo's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said yesterday that the Egyptian Minister of Power, Ahmed Sultan, will fly to Moscow tomorrow, apparently to inquire whether the Russians will abide by their agreements to finance a number of projects, including the electrification of the countryside. The question of Russia's continued economic aid was raised earlier in the week by a leading Egyptian commentator, Insan Abdul-Kuddous, who suggested that Cairo's ouster of the Russians might jeopardize Moscow's economic commitments to Egypt.

Nixon likes Hollywood & Hollywood likes him

By RALPH HARRIS
SAN CLEMENTE, California (Reuter).

President Nixon gave a glittering party for 400 film and television stars here Sunday night to promote Hollywood-made motion pictures and his own re-election in November.

Mr. Nixon has received the support of more entertainers than any other candidate during a presidential election campaign — and at the outdoor reception at his Spanish-style home in the grounds of the Western White House, he expressed his thanks and hopes that their efforts would pay off for him in November.

The financially hard-hit Hollywood film industry, which is battling against imports of subsidized foreign films, received special attention from the President.

"You might think this is a little bit jingoistic and pro-American. If so, make the most of it," he said. "But I like movies made in Hollywood, made in America."

He added: "But the motion picture started here, it has grown up here, it is something typically American."

Although most of the stars at La Casa Pacifica were long-time Republicans, many of them were Democrats who said they intended to abandon and vote against Democratic candidate George McGovern in November.

The "Democrats for Nixon" at the party included Charlton Heston and Frank Sinatra, who was a close friend of the late President Kennedy and his family. Other prominent stars of past and present at the party were Joan Blondell, Jack Benny, Jimmy Durante, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Ray Bolger, and George Hamilton, who once dated former President Lyndon Johnson's daughter, Linda Bird.

Accompanying the President and Mrs. Nixon were Vice-President Spiro Agnew and his wife, as well as foreign affairs adviser Henry Kissinger, who often dates film stars between secret world-wide missions.

Dr. Kissinger had on his arm starlet Jill St. John, a red-haired beauty with whom he is frequently seen.

Dr. Kissinger — who will fly with President Nixon to Hawaii tomorrow for talks with Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Tanaka — was asked what his other jealous Hollywood girlfriends would say when they learned he had escorted Miss St. John to the presidential party.

Miss St. John replied for him: "Let them eat their hearts out."

Evangelist Billy Graham joined Administration officials and the entertainers at the buffet of shrimp, ham, stuffed avocado, Chinese egg rolls, roast beef, shishkebab, crab claws, pastries and fruit salad.

The world-wide religious crusader, believed to have been neutral in past campaigns, said he was "leaning" towards Mr. Nixon.



Tears ran down the cheeks of Linda Barney (left) of New Jersey moments after the Miss Black America crown was placed on her head by Diane Jackson (right) of California on Sunday in Los Angeles. Miss Jackson relinquished the crown she had just won because she wants to pursue a singing career; Miss Barney was the runner-up. (AP radiophoto)

First challenge to blockade Minesweeper spotted in Haiphong port

SAIGON. — An unidentified minesweeper has been spotted in the main North Vietnam port of Haiphong in the first apparent challenge to the U.S. minefield blockade of the North.

A U.S. command spokesman in Saigon said yesterday that the ship had been noted in an aerial photograph of the port, where a number of foreign ships are trapped by the minefield laid by U.S. air force planes on May 9. The mines were switched on by electronic signals two days later.

The blockade is aimed at preventing supplies reaching North Vietnam and being sent down to support its five-month-old offensive against the South.

South. So far the Communists appear to have sufficient supplies to maintain the fighting, now mainly concentrated in the north around Quang Tri and Que Son, a district town 40 kms south of Danang.

Government forces moved back into Que Son on Friday but suffered a bad setback when the North Vietnamese infiltrated the town again on Sunday.

The minesweeper in Haiphong apparently arrived last week and was still in port yesterday, but the U.S. command spokesman said: "We know of no attempt to sweep the mines." The U.S. has said that no ocean-going vessel had entered or left any major North Vietnam port since the mines were laid.

War supplies for North Vietnam come by road or rail from China or from small supply boats running the gauntlet of U.S. air strikes off unmined sections of the coast.

Meanwhile, U.S. jet fighters bombed for the first time in the war a Communist troop camp near Hanoi where Communist troops are quartered before being sent into South Vietnam, the U.S. command spokesman said yesterday.

A command spokesman said Air Force F4 Phantom jets on Sunday levelled 13 military barracks and eight nearby storage buildings and damaged 45 other barracks at the Xon Bai Garrison 60 kms north-west of the North Vietnamese capital. A dining hall was reduced to rubble.

The Phantoms also blew up a nearby rail line in their first strike of the war against the Xon Bai barracks, where Communist troops are stationed while awaiting movement into the south, the command said.

In ground fighting in South Vietnam, Communist troops ambushed an armored convoy only 65 kms north of Saigon on Sunday while U.S. B52 bombers struck as close as 30 kms from the capital, military sources said. (Reuter, UPI)

U.K. plans new move in 'cod war'

LONDON (AP). — Britain is planning a fresh approach to Iceland, in a bid to avert a new 'cod war' erupting round Iceland's decision to extend its fishing limits to 50 miles, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said a formal request would be made in the next 48 hours for renewed discussions on a settlement based on the International Court of Justice ruling on the dispute earlier this month.

The Court said Iceland's unilateral decision to extend its fishing limits from 12 to 50 miles from September 1 was illegal, but said Britain's catch should be limited to 170,000 tons a year.

Iceland has already said it will ignore the court's interim verdict handed down at The Hague. Britain has previously offered to hold its catch in Icelandic waters to 135,000 tons annually.

A British trawler fleet is currently heading for Icelandic waters, and intends to defy the new fishing limit which the trawler men claim will cripple the industry.

Some vessels have obliterated their registration marks to try to baffles Icelandic fishery protection patrols.

Publisher in Saigon slain

SAIGON (Reuter). — The publisher of a Saigon newspaper which specialises in exposing corruption was shot dead as he lunched with members of his editorial staff, police said.

Mr. Van Son Phan My Truc, publisher of "Dong Phuong" (Orion), was shot through the head by a man who sprang up from a nearby table holding a silenced pistol, according to the six journalists who were dining with him.

The publisher died in the ambulance taking him to hospital.

The journalists said they tried to grab the assassin as he ran from the restaurant in central Saigon but the man turned and threatened them with the gun. Police said no arrest had yet been made.

French police seize deadly batch of baby powder

PARIS (UPI). — Police yesterday seized the French talcum powder "Bebe" from shops throughout France because at least three babies had died and several became ill after its use.

Three deaths of babies sprinkled with the talcum were confirmed by the prosecutor of Charleville-Mezieres and the prosecutor in Pontaise said "several of the 20 deaths of infants since May are extremely suspect." Paris newspapers quoting unnamed officials said 20 died.

The investigating judge of Pontaise, Henri Breguet, opened an investigating case for involuntary homicide against the defendant "X" and ordered police to seize any "Bebe" cans still on sale. The judge appealed to mothers to take any cans in their homes to the nearest police station.

The seized cans of talcum powder will be shipped to Paris police headquarters for analysis.

A spokesman for Morhange Parfumerie, manufacturers of "Bebe," said the talcum was sold only in France. Morhange said it gives a concentrate of the talcum to another firm, Setico, for processing and any accidental error only could have been made in this later step of manufacture, by adding another unscheduled product in a limited number of deliveries.

The Ministry of Health said the cases of infants struck with "neurological syndromes" and swollen buttocks were all in the department of Ardennes and the region of Troyes in northeastern France.

"After an inquiry, samples of the Morhange talcum permitted us to fix responsibility on this product, which contained an abnormal amount of hexachlorophene," the Ministry said.

The Ministry last Friday warned mothers to temporarily stop using "Bebe."

The Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. has urged restrained use of skin products containing hexachlorophene.

China minister to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (Reuter). — China's Vice Foreign Minister, Chiao Kuan-hua, arrived here yesterday for talks on current developments in the sub-continent and on what the Pakistan government described as matters of mutual interest.

Mr. Chiao was more explicit, however. His visit comes closely after China's veto on Friday, blocking Bangladesh's membership of the U.N., and he told reporters at the airport here: "My arrival today explains itself. It is really a simple matter about veto."

In a clear reference to the Soviet Union, Mr. Chiao went on: "There is a super-power who at the back encourages its followers to oppose China and Pakistan, and causes trouble in the sub-continent. We do not agree to what they are doing. We support the position taken by President Bhutto."

The Chinese veto has cast a shadow over talks in New Delhi between India and Pakistan, on differences which have cropped up since last month's Simla summit. But Indian sources said yesterday there was no need for undue pessimism.

The differences have already led to a delay in the pull-out of troops from occupied territories in the wake of the December war.

U.K. prince dies in air crash

WOLVERHAMPTON, England (Reuter). — Prince William of Gloucester, first cousin to Queen Elizabeth, was killed yesterday when his plane crashed in flames at the start of an air race near here.

Police confirmed the 30-year-old bachelor prince was dead more than an hour after the crash.

The prince's Piper Cherokee light aircraft had just taken off on a race organized by the Goodyear Tyre company.

A Goodyear spokesman said the aircraft reached the perimeter of the airfield, and the prince bailed his plane to the left, appeared to lose height and the wings touched the top of a tree.

The plane then crashed upside down into a ditch and caught fire, the spokesman said.

Thousands of spectators at the Halfpenny Green airfield near this Midlands city were unaware that the prince had crashed.

Thirty years ago — almost to the day — Prince William's uncle, the Duke of Kent, was killed in an air crash. The duke died on August 25, 1942, when his flying boat crashed off the Scottish coast en route to active service in Iceland.

Before yesterday's race, Prince William, a popular and modest man who was uncertain whether he liked the royal life, was interviewed by reporters. He said he thought it was unlikely he would win the race. "But I enjoy racing the aircraft at weekends, and use it for transport on other occasions," he said.

Prince William was ninth in succession to the throne. Till 1970, he was a diplomat, having served with the Foreign Office in Lagos and Tokyo. His private plane was once almost shot down in Nigeria by anti-aircraft fire.

After Cambridge, he went to Stanford University, California, the first of the family to attend an American college.

Man held for threat to Nixon

SAVANNAH, Georgia (AP). — A 34-year-old New Jersey man carrying a 22-calibre pistol has been arrested and charged with threatening the life of President Nixon, the FBI said yesterday.

The FBI identified the man as Ralph Destasano. They said he was charged in 1968 with threatening the life of President Lyndon Johnson, but the charge was dismissed when he was committed to a mental hospital.

Destasano was arrested at a motel near Savannah, where he stayed en route to Key Biscayne, Florida, where President Nixon has a retreat.

24 die in Venezuela air crash

CARACAS. — Twenty-four people died when a DC-3 airliner of Venezuela's Aeropostal airline crashed near Canaima, 300 kms southeast of here on Sunday night, local police said.

The plane was on an excursion flight from Valencia, in western Venezuela, to the holiday resort of Ciudad Bolivar on the Orinoco River, with 21 passengers and a crew of three, the airline said.

Reports from Canaima said one person survived the crash, but died later in hospital.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the National Transportation Safety Board said that 28 people died in a June 1972 crash in Connecticut, because of the pilot's deliberately dangerous flying. Despite his co-pilot's warnings, the pilot of an Allegheny Airlines plane intentionally descended below a prescribed altitude, as his jet crashed on an instrument approach to fog-shrouded New Haven.

The pilot died in the crash. The stewardess and 26 passengers died in the subsequent fire. The co-pilot and two passengers were the only survivors. (Reuter, AP)

DECLARATION

The Israeli scientists and scholars gathered here in emergency session from all the institutions of higher learning in Israel, at Tel Aviv University on Sunday, August 20, 1972, hereby declare that the imposition by the Soviet Union of special levies upon Jews with higher education seeking to emigrate to Israel, is a flagrant violation of international declarations and covenants guaranteeing human rights and the freedom of movement of all persons — covenants and declarations to which the Soviet Union is a signatory.

This levying of ransom money is a continuation of the Soviet policy of attempting to deter Jews from joining their own people in Israel.

The effect of these special levies, in a manner reminiscent of the Dark Ages, is to turn the Jews into hostages for whom high ransom must be paid.

This latest blow against the Jews of the Soviet Union creates the gravest doubt as to whether the spirit of Stalinism is not still guiding the policy of certain circles in the Kremlin.

The Government of the Soviet Union should understand that such policies are bound to have the most serious international implications, for they cast doubt upon the willingness of the Soviet Union to conduct itself in accordance with internationally accepted standards.

We call on the Government of the Soviet Union to retract these policies, which are an affront to the basic values of humanity.

The international scientific community will remember the truth which Europe, and the world as a whole, learned in our generation: there is no hope for science or humanity if moral standards do not prevail, and if there is not the will to protect them where they are debased and attacked.

We therefore call upon scholars and scientists the world over, to protest this plot to turn scientists into present-day slaves.

We believe that it is the duty, and lies within the power, of scholars and men of science all over the world, to initiate a world-wide movement of protest and action to bring about the rescinding of these cruel policies.

We, the scholars and scientists of Israel, express to our Jewish colleagues in the Soviet Union, our deepest admiration of their proud stand, which is in the best tradition of the struggle for justice and scientific truth.

The scholars and scientists of Israel will pursue their efforts unremittently, until the policies of the Soviet Union, to put a barrier between them and Israel, are reversed.

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North Korea's Ho Jun Li, double-upset winner of the small-bore rifle event, in which he set a new world record of 599 out of 600 possible. (AP radiophoto)

North Korean wins pistol event 'shooting at enemies'

MUNICH (UPI). — Ho Jun Li, a soldier in the North Korean army, explained his upset victory in the Olympic small bore rifle pistol shooting yesterday simply: "I thought I was aiming at my enemies." "Our Prime Minister, Kim Il Sung, told us prior to our departure for the Olympics to shoot as if we were fighting our enemies," the new Olympic and world champion said. "And that's exactly what I did."

'National disaster,' as Venezuela's ring hero kayoed

MUNICH (AP). — An 18-year-old Australian with a Valentine heart tattooed on his chest knocked out Venezuela's defending Olympic light flyweight champion, and America's light-heavyweight Ray Russell scored an impressive technical knockout in first-round boxing matches yesterday. Russell's second-round win over Stephen Thege of Kenya was the second straight American victory in the two days of competition. The 12-year-old "old man" of the U.S. team will meet Poland's Yamasz Gorat in his next fight.



Medals are at stake in five events at the 20th Olympiad today — four of them in the swimming pool, where the Americans' domination is expected to continue. The men compete for metal in the 100-metre backstroke and 200 metres free style. For the mermaids, both races are of 200 metres — in free style and breast stroke.



Chris Taylor, American super-heavyweight wrestler who at 198 kilos is the heaviest competitor at the 20th Olympics. He won one, lost one in his two bouts so far. (AP radiophoto)

Soviet heavy edges America's man-mountain

MUNICH (AP). — Russia's two-time gold medal winner, Alex Medved, edged America's 185-kg. super-heavyweight hopeful, Chris Taylor, on Sunday as Olympic free-style wrestling got under way. Outweighed more than 50 kilos by the 22-year-old Iowa State University student, Medved, 34 won by 3-2. Medved's victory completed a sweep by the powerful Russian wrestlers who won their matches in all 10 weight divisions in the opening round. American wrestlers won six, drew one, and lost three bouts.



Poland's Zygmunt Smalcerz, gold medalist in the flyweight weightlifting event at Munich on Sunday, when he came up from behind to cop first place with a total lift of 337.5 kilos. (AP wirephoto)

Munich okays new fibreglass pole in vault

MUNICH (AP). — The International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) on Sunday reversed its Olympic ban on the American-made "catapole" and approved the fibreglass pole for the Games vaulting competition. An IAAF spokesman said the decision was taken because the pole was found to fulfil regulations governing the event. The IAAF decided earlier this summer to ban the pole from the games because European athletes complained it was not made available to them. The opponents based their stand on the IAAF rule requiring vaulting poles to be available on the open market for a year prior to use in the Olympic competition.

Israeli mime for OLYMPIC FESTIVAL

The Olympic Games committee has chosen the mime Yoram Boker, teacher of rhythmic and mime in the drama department of Tel Aviv University, to open together with his troupe the theatre festival held in Munich for the duration of the Olympic Games. Mr. Boker has gone to Munich under the aegis of the university's faculty of arts and communication. His troupe is one of three selected to appear at the Olympics.

Strong reaction to first East-West German encounter

MUNICH. — The first direct confrontation between East and West Germany at the 1972 Olympic Games brought a strong reaction from the packed crowd at the boxing championship here Sunday. When East German Jochen Bachfeld was awarded the points verdict over West German featherweight Peter Fraise, the spectators erupted into a storm of derision as they whistled piercingly for five minutes to show their disapproval. The East German was given the verdict on a 5-0 decision by the judges. The largely West German crowds appeared swayed by Fraise's late challenge in the final round, which came much too late to have any effect on the outcome.

Sunday's results

Jerusalem Post Reporter Israel's television viewers were left in mid-air Sunday night when the direct via-satellite sportscast from Munich signed off before the conclusion of two matches featured on the programme. In the basketball, the Australians failed to maintain their surprising if narrow lead over the Spanish quintet, which rallied to triumph by 79 to 74.

U.S. hoop quint faces first real challenge today

The leading contenders for the Olympic basketball title, led by the strongly-favoured U.S. team, came through as expected in their round-robin games yesterday. The Americans beat Australia by 81-55. After earlier trouncing the Czechoslovak quint by 66-35. The Russian five also scored an easy second win, beating West Germany by 87-63. Brazil, too, made it two straight by a comfortable win over Egypt, 110-84.

U.S. wants to pay less to U.N.

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The United States has launched a new campaign to get the American assessment for the United Nations reduced to "no more than 25 per cent" of the world organization's regular budget. The U.S. tab in 1972 amounted to 31.52 per cent, or \$64m., the highest of the 132 U.N. members. In his first budget as U.N. Secretary-General, Dr. Kurt Waldheim has asked the General Assembly to approve expenditures of \$224m. in 1973, an increase of 5.17 per cent over 1972.

WHEN IN DOUBT...

MOUNT ATHOS, Greece (UPI). — Monks barred a yachting party of long-haired Frenchmen today because they said it was impossible to tell whether any girls were in the group. Mount Athos, an autonomous theocracy with 24 monasteries, is forbidden to women, even female animals. Authorities on the peninsula state said the tourists' long hair and general appearance made it impossible to distinguish their sex.

Argentine chides Chile on escaped hijackers

BUENOS AIRES (Reuters). — Argentina yesterday accused Chile of ignoring international law by allowing 10 guerrilla hijackers to leave for Cuba. A protest note delivered to the Chilean foreign ministry early yesterday was described as very severe by Argentine foreign ministry sources. The left-wing guerrillas, including a 23-year-old woman schoolteacher, flew to Hialeah on Friday, 10 days after they arrived in Santiago aboard a hijacked BAC-111 jet airliner of Argentina's Austral Airline.

Earth tremors 'due to Russian nuclear test'

VIENNA (Reuters). — The Vienna meteorological centre yesterday recorded strong earth tremors and said they could have been caused by an underground nuclear test in the Soviet Union. The centre said the tremors, registered at 7 a.m. local time, could have resulted from an explosion at Novaya Zemlya, the Soviet Union's northern nuclear testing grounds. The tremors registered 6.8 on the Richter scale.

Last Apollo craft put on launch pad

CAPE KENNEDY (UPI). — The last of America's moon ships moved to the launching pad yesterday to mark the end of a space era that sent eight Apollo teams to the moon. Apollo-17 astronauts Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans and Harrison "Jack" Schmitt watched the 363-foot Apollo-17 rocket-spacercraft combination edged out of the towering vehicle assembly building at dawn. The 5-km. trip was scheduled to take six hours. The launch on the last Apollo moon flight mission is scheduled for December 6.



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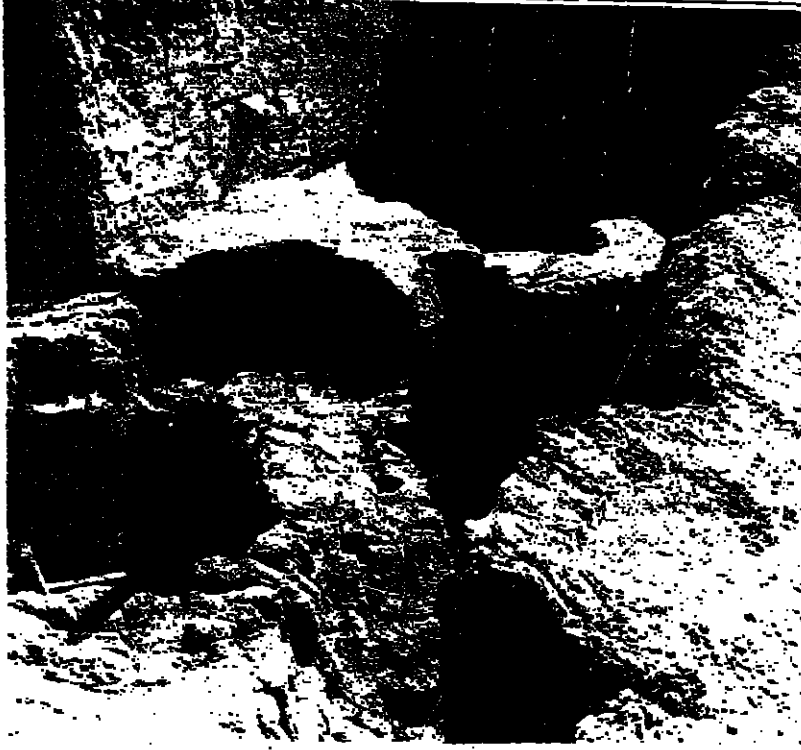
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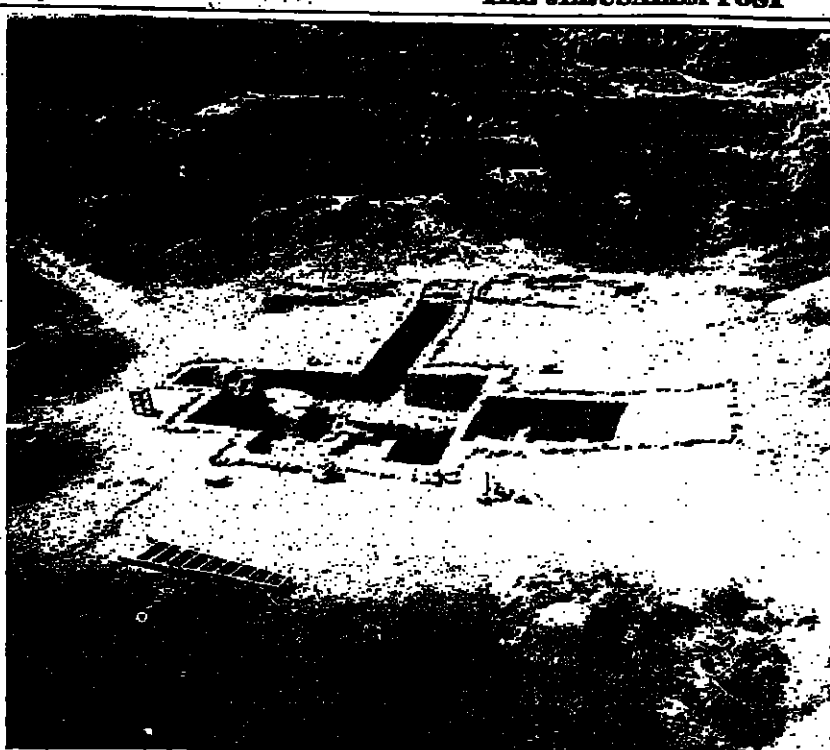
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Assyrian vaulted brick rooms discovered at Tel Gemma, the only known example of this kind of construction in this country.



Excavation of the cobbles paving at Tel Gemma dating back to 1200 B.C.E., which is believed to have been the courtyard of a very important building. (Photos, Ben-Adi)

ANCIENT MUD-BRICK VAULTING FOUND IN NEGEV EXCAVATION

By H. BEN-ADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

That is said to be the first and example of ancient mud brick vaulting ever found in Israel has been uncovered in a building, dating back to the Assyrian empire, consisting of four vaulted rooms, at Tel Gemma, next to Kibbutz Re'im along Nahal Besor in the Western Negev.

It seems to Dr. Van Beek that an Assyrian architect was brought here to build it, since the construction technique involved in vaulted mud brick is extremely complex. There was a long tradition of mud brick vault construction in Mesopotamia, where there was little wood to support roofs.

Great quantities of Assyrian palace ware were also found, indicating that the Assyrian Military Governor, who was put at the side of the king to ensure he ruled properly, probably entertained a great many emissaries from Egypt and other local kings of Philistia and the Israel territory.

The Assyrian building was probably on two storeys. The pantry probably contained the palace ware and was on the first floor of the building, as were the storerooms.

Walls extending above the area of the vaults suggest that there were second floors. The ground floor rooms seem to have functioned primarily as storerooms and a number of good 7th century B.C.E. Israelite storage jars intended for wine or grain were found.

Tel Gemma was on the great incense route that brought frankincense and myrrh from Southern Arabia, where it was grown, to the user nations in the Mediterranean and Near East. It is known from Ptolemy the Elder that caravans took 68 days to come from Timna, not far from Mared in the Yemen, to Gaza, the main port on the Mediterranean. Any traffic coming from Arabia to the Mediterranean almost certainly would have followed Nahal Besor. There were towns where the local people could trade, buy food and there was an abundance of water for the caravans. Since it is known that it was a route in Roman times it probably was a route in much earlier times.

This year two South Arabian inscriptions, one of them a South Arabian monogram, were found on the Tel. Dr. Van Beek, who worked in 1951 on excavations in Southern Arabia, is an expert on the writing of the time. The monogram found at the Tel has the letters (in Arabic script) A, B, M, which are read as "Abum" the same word as "Av" — father. This is part of a longer and very common graphitic

in Southern Arabia which reads "Wadum Abum" — the God Wad is father. To Dr. Van Beek it was a very pleasant surprise to find the inscription at the Tel, only the second or third South Arabian inscription found in Israel. On a sherd from imported pottery from South Arabia was the letter "mem."

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Dr. Van Beek thinks that the people living at that time in the town of Arzaa were farmers and traders, trading with caravans from South Arabia and Egypt. The site is situated on what is an ancient road leading from Egypt, which leaves the sea way or Via Maris at Khan Yunis and goes to the hill country, Hebron and Jerusalem. A number of Greek and Egyptian imports were also found on the site and one very fine iron spearpoint which may stem from the Assyrian arsenal.

Dr. Van Beek hopes to find some Assyrian cuneiform tablets next season. He hopes to complete the whole Assyrian occupation period next year and get down to the Israelite period in the eight and ninth centuries B.C.E.

The Assyrian building is only part of the excavations at Tel Gemma. The digging also covered an area at the bottom of Sir Flinders Petrie's excavation of 1927. The new excavation uncovered an enormous cobbles paving, which is believed to have been the courtyard of a very important structure. The full extent of the whole structure has not yet been uncovered, but it is clearly part of the last Canaanite town from roughly 1200 B.C.E. Immediately above the paving is an enormous deposit of ash, which represents the destruction of the town. Above that, there is a series of brick walls which are the lowest walls that Petrie found in 1927 and appear to be Philistine.

The expedition is solely sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution. The deputy director of the dig is Mrs. Ora Fitch, formerly from Haifa and now an American citizen. Dr. Van Beek expects to spend at least a further five seasons at Tel Gemma, and he is sure that it still has many secrets to reveal.

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Appreciation: Sidney Goldberg

The news that Sidney Goldberg has passed away in London after a serious operation comes as shock to his many friends in Israel. He was at the centre of all activities connected with Israel in the British capital, and for a number of years almost single-handedly waged a quite successful counter-campaign against the well-financed Arab propaganda machine from his base at the Labour Friends of Israel, which he founded.

Sid, as everyone called him, was one of the last of a special generation — the London Jewish working-class intelligentsia — and his life was devoted to Socialism and Zionism in equal measure.

The lesson of the Holocaust brought him to Zionism after the Second World War, and he continued to serve the Zionist cause as his old Labour party comrades moved ahead to high offices and places in the House of Lords. These connections enabled him to found the Labour Friends of Israel as a means of refashioning the traditional close ties between the Israel and British Labour movements after the strained

relations that followed the Sinai Campaign.

His total devotion to Israel combined with a canny political sense and his connections throughout the corridors of British power were of invaluable service to the Israel Embassy. His talents as an organizer were widely recognized and he was offered several high-ranking positions in the British Labour party and the trade unions, but he declined them because of his devotion to Israel, Labour Zionism and the Jewish cause in general.

Sid's main asset was his bigness — he was big in size, had a huge Jewish heart and a laugh that resounded through plush drawing rooms and working-class pubs. Because he never denied his origins, he was accepted as an equal by both lords and stevedores.

His passing leaves a void in organized British Jewish life. Those of us who were lucky enough to have known Sid will sorely miss him because he was a unique person and a rare friend. As he would have said — they don't make them that way anymore. MARK SEGAL

IL100,000 grant to promote local playwriting

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Ministry of Education and the Tel Aviv Cultural Foundation are to spend IL100,000 to promote original Israeli playwriting, Miss Lea Porat, of the Ministry, and Mr. Eliahu Spetzer, of Tel Aviv Municipality, told the Press here yesterday.

The Municipality has also put the hall and stage of the municipal employees house, in Rehov Pumpadita, at the disposal of a Tel Aviv studio which promotes original plays. It is expected that eight to 10 productions a year will be staged by the studio. Each new production will be staged for a maximum of nine times, after which the group of performers will be free to exploit their success (if any) through private impresarios.

Actor-director Shmuel Atzmon has assumed management of the studio for a year. Of 46 manuscripts submitted in the past three months, Mr. Atzmon said that three will be presented, beginning in November. They were all written by young authors — Moshe Ben Shaul, Yitzhak Goren and Motty Averbuch. Miriam Zohar and Nahum Buchman are among actors who have accepted roles in the plays.

Ninety per cent of the manuscripts received were declared unsuitable by persons to whom the entries are sent for an opinion. Entries by new immigrants writing in a foreign language will also be considered, the press was told.

AT THE CINEMA Tortuous memories

HAUSER'S MEMORY (Chen, Tel Aviv) is a subtle action fantasy, about a memory transfer. Karl Helmut Hauser, the recently deceased man from whom the memory concentrate is taken, was a well known German scientist of the Hitler period and his tortured memories so take possession of Hillel Mondoro (David McCullum), the young American-Jewish scientist to whom they are transferred, that he is compelled to follow their dictates and completely loses his own identity.

For much of the time the film is gripping and generates a feeling of disquietude and fear while the incidents in the various European capitals to which Hauser's memory drives Hillel are well done even if the Berlin and Prague experiences are dealt with in a familiar manner. But the story is overloaded with confusing events and details.

Director Boris Sagal tends to emphasize the obvious but McCullum gives a good performance and the acting is generally adequate with Lilli Palmer very good in a brief appearance as Hauser's Nazi-indoctrinated wife. But Susan Strasberg as Hillel's pregnant wife, who loves "kisses" and gives him oranges from Haifa for breakfast — in case the audience does not realize, the couple is Jewish — makes little impression. A film in which the parts are better than the whole.

LA CALIFA (Zafon, Tel Aviv) is an Italian picture dubbed into English with Romy Schneider and Ugo Tognazzi in the chief roles. The story line is so disjointed and the presentation so fragmented that I could not fathom what it is all about. But it seems to concern factory strikes, employers' tricks and political manoeuvring with Miss Schneider as an embattled working woman and Mr. Tognazzi as an enormously wealthy factory-empire owner who tries to understand his workers' demands. Soon after spitting at her employer's car, La Califa is in bed with him so that fiery speeches alternate with bedroom scenes and it must be said that Miss Schneider is even more beautiful without clothes than with them.

Director Bevilacqua, who also wrote the scenario, handles everything in a would-be "significant" manner with high-falutin' dialogue to match and with the belching factory chimneys photographed so as to look colossal, dwarfing the humans. Actually the photography is the best thing about the film which wastes the acting talents of the two principals. S.W.

'Downward trend' seen in U.S. violent crime

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — A violent crime was committed on average every 39 seconds in the United States last year, Attorney-General Richard Kleindienst reported yesterday.

They included a murder every 30 minutes, a rape every 13 minutes and a robbery every 82 seconds.

Serious crime grew by seven per cent last year, but this was the smallest increase in six years, Mr. Kleindienst said in a statement accompanying his annual report, prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

He noted that the downward trend had continued into this year, with the first three months showing an increase of only one per cent over the corresponding 1971 period, the smallest increase in 11 years.

During 1971, the report said, 54 of the country's biggest cities reported reductions in serious crime.

"We are encouraged by the trends we are seeing," Mr. Kleindienst said in his statement, "but crime is still increasing. This is a matter that must continue to be of foremost concern to law enforcement agencies at all levels of government."

Listing violent crimes, the report showed that murder was up by 11 per cent over 1970, rape by 11 per cent, aggravated assault by 10 per cent and robbery by 11 per cent.

Police solved 84 per cent of the murders reported, 55 per

cent of the rapes, 66 per cent of the aggravated assaults and 27 per cent of the robberies, the report said.

The report showed that 136 law enforcement officers were killed in action during the year, up from 100 in 1970, 86 in 1969 and 64 in 1968.

It added that of the 975 offenders known to have been involved in the killing of a police officer, 77 per cent had been arrested previously on some criminal charge, 43 per cent had been arrested for a violent crime, and 81 per cent had prior convictions on criminal charges.

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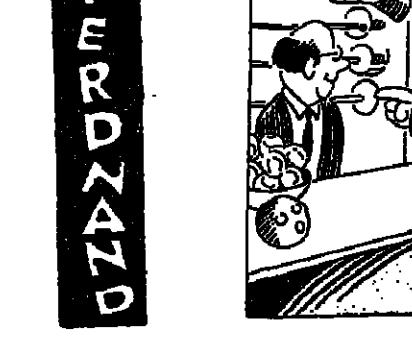
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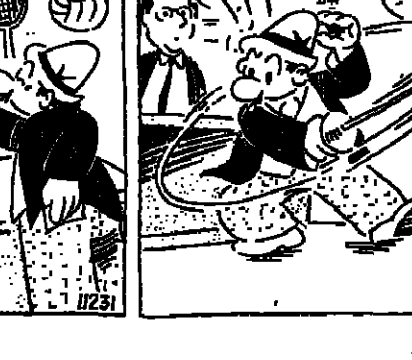
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WE'LL STRIKE TO THE END, SAY ELITE WOMEN

By CATHERINE ROSENHEIMER Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — The usually bustling courtyard and corridors of the strike-bound Elite factory here were strangely quiet and deserted on Friday morning. Doors to the production lines were firmly padlocked.

Shoshana Auerbach, one of the two women members of the six-man committee, led me off to a quiet room, where I could talk to members of the Elite staff. The first was Esther, a mother of two from the Upper Nazareth chocolate factory. (She preferred to omit her surname: "Nazareth is small place — I don't want any trouble you see.")

Esther has worked in the chocolate department for 10 years, works an 8-hour day earning a gross pay of IL2.31 per hour. After 13 years, she is paid the most a woman could earn — IL2.99 per hour. "That's including premiums and the terms are very high, hard to achieve — and in the slack season there are no premiums. I take home a maximum of IL430 a month — and that's in a good month with full premiums."

"Of course we've all been dissatisfied for years. I suppose I could have found other work, but it's not so easy in Nazareth and my health isn't that good. One of our main grievances is that Menachem Rivlin, secretary of the Labour Council, never represented the workers' interests. He was abroad when the strike broke out. Now we don't need him any more and we'll fight through to the end of this strike without him."

"My husband's attitude to my going out on strike? He's all for it — he's taught at Elite salaries for a long time. I can manage on my 50 per cent pay during the strike and we're all prepared to work. The Arab girls at Nazareth do exactly the same way."

No date for talks

TEL AVIV. — No contact was made yesterday between the Histadrut and the Elite management for the renewal of negotiations to end the five-week-old strike. It is assumed, however, that a meeting between the sides will be arranged for tomorrow or Thursday.

Shoshana Auerbach has been with the Elite group for 19 years. She works a sewing machine for chocolate boxes and has to complete around 3,000 pieces per day if she wants to achieve a premium. "That means a solid eight hours of work with no breaks at all — just a sandwich while I carry on working."

"And it is work that men simply don't have the hands and skills to do — after the Sinai Campaign one of the men in the factory was wounded, and I was asked to teach him my job. He just couldn't do it. We're the working horses round here — and then they're surprised we want equal pay."

With overtime and premiums Shoshana can earn up to IL600 gross — in a good month. She has three children and is a grandmother. "The actual physical working conditions here are not so bad, though it's freezing cold in the factory in winter."

"Why did I never go and work elsewhere all these years? Well, I think it's the same with most of us, you get used to a place, you don't want to move, you always think one day things will improve. We women just didn't fight enough all these years; now we have Alisa Tamir and Haya Geesler at the Histadrut salaried women's section taking up our cause, encouraging and supporting us. It's ridiculous, of course, but it takes something drastic to bring about a real fight. Do you know that even where men and women are working side by side doing the same work at the same machines, the men get IL4 per hour and the women as little as IL1.25?"



Women strikers pass the time by knitting at the Elite plant.

As for the management themselves: I have no personal complaints other than pay. We have very little contact with the management but they are always cordial. Mr. Frumtzenko has invited all the members of the workers committee to his daughter's wedding — I suppose you could say that is friendly."

Another worker, Rahel, broke in at this point: "What do you mean cordial? There are no decent working relations and atmosphere around here. We may be lost cases, but not one of us would want her children to work here. And the fact is that no daughters follow their mothers to Elite. No young girl wants to work in a factory and no wonder, with a dirty part tied round her head and the dust from the chewing gum all day long. They're sensible; they go to work as clerks or hairdressers."

Simha Mashat is also an old-timer at Elite, a war widow whose husband fell in 1956. Till her youngest child was 18 she received army assistance; now she still has two boys in the army to help, with healthy appetites when they come home on leave. "I work a machine in the sweet production department, side by side with seven men who earn double what I do — and I leave me we women work harder and clear up all the dirt the men leave behind when they go off to the washrooms at the end of the day. We're the best workers, but we're the ones who get really burnt. What's IL400 net including premiums for a widow with children to help?"

Male members of the workers' committee seem perfectly prepared to admit that women work at least as hard as men in the factory — and many work harder. They will, they assured me, accept no agreement that does not promise equal starting pay for both sexes: the women's work on the packing of fancy chocolate boxes provides the company with one of its most profitable lines. "But equal pay is not the only issue by any means; the management was willing to let an arbitration committee, comprising representatives of management and labour, settle the issue, he said."

The strike is backed by the Petah Tikva Labour Council. (Nim)

Trouble in public sector

By AARON SITNER Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE back-to-school teachers' strike threatened for this Friday has shocked parents throughout the country, and there is mounting pressure on the Histadrut Teachers Union to make its leaders call off the action. But even if they agree, it will not mean all is well in the labour arena of what is known in Israel as the "public sector."

Besides Israel's 35,000 primary and secondary school teachers, this category includes employees of the Jewish Agency, Hadasah, the various public and semi-official institutions.

The demands of these employees for their 1972/73 work agreements, plus the demand of Israel's 56,000 civil servants, are now the top-priority problem at the Jerusalem office of the Civil Service Commissioner, Mr. Ya'acov Nitzan. There, teams of negotiators have been holding "serious negotiations" with the Civil Service Union and the Clerical Workers Union, both of which speak for the wide phalanx of workers in the civil service and public sectors.

For Mordechai Wertheimer, adviser to the Civil Service Commissioner, says of the impending teachers' strike, "the situation with the teachers is more difficult than that with the engineers, educators or Government physicians." He told The Jerusalem Post recently, "we have examined their wage demands and figured it would amount to an increase of 129 per cent above their current wage. In terms of cash, that means an extra IL1,000m. per year. Since this is unrealistic and school opening is at hand, we have referred this critical problem to the Ministerial Committee on Wages."

Another group with "out-of-the-question" demands are the engineers, says Mr. Wertheimer. They are demanding a new basic wage scale, and, summed up, it will result in a 66 per cent wage hike. The Government is dead set against this.

The most modest set of demands so far has been from the huge body of non-professional workers engaged in the so-called "uniform grade" job category. These are the rank-and-file personnel in Government and public institution offices, from filing clerk to director-general. Their unions have put forth a set of demands which, says Mr. Wertheimer, would mean an extra 10 per cent (in fringe benefits) over and above the 1972/73 six per cent cost-of-living adjustment.

The demands include the following: overtime pay for all workers

(at present, higher grade workers do not receive extra pay for overtime work); restoration of certain seniority benefits surrendered by the unions in exchange for the 1964 negotiations; full travel expenses; an additional grade — 21 — to replace the present grade 20 (the addition of such a grade would almost immediately result in wholesale promotions and concomitant pay rises); a shortened workday for mothers of more young children, from eight hours to seven; and Government "participation" in workers' tuition payments for their children in secondary school and university.

With approximately a quarter-of-a-million workers involved in these demands, "inflationary pressures are sure to result" if all of the demands are met, according to Mr. Wertheimer. On August 16, Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sarban warned that new taxes might become necessary if excessive wage demands by civil service and public sector workers are granted.

"Meanwhile," says Mr. Wertheimer, "the union negotiators do not seem to be in a hurry to clear the decks... after all, regardless of when the new tax agreements are finally signed, they will be retroactive to April 1 of this year."

Arbitration bid in textile strike

PETAH TIKVA. — The management of the Sharon Textile plant here yesterday proposed to its 240 employees — now on strike for the second week — that their dispute be submitted to a parity committee for arbitration.

The strike was called after the management cancelled a wage agreement reached before a national agreement was signed in the textile industry.

Mr. Shlomo Carasso, manager of Sharon, told "Ilim" that the national agreement gave workers a higher wage rise than anticipated, so that there was no justification for the separately obtained rise. Still, the management was willing to let an arbitration committee, comprising representatives of management and labour, settle the issue, he said.

The strike is backed by the Petah Tikva Labour Council. (Nim)

STOCKS TURN A BIT LOWER

TEL AVIV. — The Stock Market turned somewhat lower yesterday. Sellers predominated in both trading rounds, and shares were picked up at declining prices. A firm undertone remained, however.

Turnover amounted to IL3.3m., of which 50 per cent was in the variables. The general index of share prices was down 0.38 per cent to 261.88 points.

Israel Land Development announced the conditions of its new share and bond issues. The stock is offered to existing shareholders at a ratio of one new share for each two old ones held at a price of 180 per cent. This means that the value of the rights at yesterday's closing price of 279 is 66, and the price of the IL4.C. shares after the issue theoretically should be 243. The IL7.C. convertible bonds are offered at par, and the conversion price is fixed at 250.

The issue price of the shares reflects the underwriter's caution in fixing the price. The same could be said of the conversion price. This is less than two per cent above the ex-rights price compared with a normal 10 to 15 per cent premium

Insiders expect that because of the low risk, the bonds will be heavily oversubscribed, as was the A.L. issue at the beginning of the month. The shares are earning a dividend yield of about three per cent net, while the bonds yield 7 1/2 per cent.

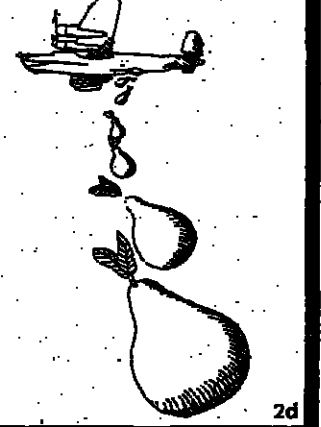
Among investment companies, Ellern was down 2 1/2 points to 200 1/2. Bank Hapoalim Investment added one point to 289. Export Investment was off 2 1/2 points at 97 and Paz remained unchanged at 114. Discount Investment closed at 243; losing seven points, and Bank Leumi was 1/2 lower.

Banking shares changed only a bit. Bank Leumi was the exception, it gained two points in the opening at 321 1/2, and another 2 1/2 points in the variables. On the other hand, Bank Hapoalim pref. lost 12 points to 287. I.D.B. was 1/2 lower at 217 1/2 and General Mortgage Bank declined 1/2 to 206 1/2.

Cla Industries declined to 175, off 4 1/2, and Central Trade to 263, minus two. Hassneh gained 2 1/2 to 173. Wolfson IL10 was unchanged in the opening at 130 1/2, later on dipping downwards to 128.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks closed yesterday down 2.41 at 956.95. Big board volume was 10.72 million shares, down from 13.84 million Friday.

The red Baron strikes again



THIS YEAR PLENTY OF PEARS FRUIT PRODUCTION AND MARKETING BOARD

The cost of requisitioned land

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Tel Aviv District Court delivered on July 12, 1971 (in C.C. 263/71).

The appellant's land was requisitioned by the State for public purposes, and application was made to the Execution Office by the State to execute the requisition order. The Execution Office handed over possession of the land to the Israel Lands Administration and the property thereon, which the appellant had failed to remove, was placed in safe-keeping with the Administration until such time as the appellant should claim it.

When the appellant failed to remove his property after the appointed time the property was sold through the Execution Office for IL1,200. The Lands Administration, however, claimed restitution of almost IL4,000 which they maintained they had spent on hiring a watchman to guard the appellant's property. The Chief Execution Officer refused to indemnify the State for their expenditure, on the grounds that his approval of the outlay had not been sought in advance and he was not entitled to authorize it retroactively.

LAW REPORT Edited by Doris Lankin. In the Supreme Court Sitting As Court of Civil Appeals. Before Justices Landau, Witkon and Cohn. Avraham Fixler, Appellant, v. State of Israel. Respondent (C.A. 639/71). Costs which can be retroactively authorized by execution officer.

The State appealed against this decision to the Tel Aviv District Court, which reversed it, holding that the Execution Officer had been entitled to authorize the outlay either in advance or retroactively by virtue of sections 64(b) and 9(c) of the Execution Law, 1967.

Section 64(b) provides that: "If, at or after the time of vacation of any movable property not removed by the evictee is found on the property, the Execution Officer shall place it into safe-keeping and he may sell it after a reasonable period... Expenses incurred for the aforesaid purposes shall be part of the costs referred to in section 9." Section 9(c) lays down that: "For the purposes of this section 'costs' means the costs as prescribed by regulations or, where the costs are not prescribed by regulations as certified by the Execution Officer."

In the appeal to the Supreme Court against the District Court decision, Mr. Z. Baraz appeared for the appellant and Miss E. Raab for the respondent.

Justice Landau, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, Justices Witkon and Cohn concurring, noted that the cost of guarding property is not included in the costs prescribed in the Regulations and that the District Court had held, therefore, that the Execution Officer could have certified these costs, by virtue of section 9(c) of the Execution Law, either before or after they had been incurred.

In upholding this decision, Justice Landau said he agreed with the District Court that the reason why costs of the nature of those incurred in the present case are not prescribed for in the Regulations lies in the fact that they are incurred by strangers to the proceedings (the Lands Administration in the present case) appointed to fulfil specific duties in which capacity they paid the costs out of their own pockets; whereas the costs prescribed for in the Regulations on the other hand, are such as are paid for by the judgment creditor for purposes of the execution proceedings and are then later defrayed by the judgment debtor together with the judgment debt. In cases such as the present, therefore, he continued the costs would be such as are certified by the Execution Officer, and there is no reservation in the Law — nor would such a reservation be logical — requiring this certification to be made in advance and not post factum.

The only implicit reservation, he continued, is that the costs incurred must be reasonable in the opinion of the Execution Officer who may in consequence refuse to confirm them, either wholly or in part, if they appear superfluous or exaggerated — which is a risk which any third party who pays the costs out of his pocket without first getting approval, must take.

The appeal should, therefore, be dismissed, he held, and the matter referred to the Execution Officer to determine what would have been a reasonable expenditure on safeguarding the appellant's property in all

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WALL STREET

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A NEW SPORT

TWICE in a matter of days Israel has been put to shame by sportsmen it sent abroad to bring it at least honour. If not glory. Eight days ago the football champions, Maccabi Tel Aviv, walked off a soccer pitch in San Francisco after a squabble. Now there is the Israel Olympic team's non-appearance (save for four members) at the Dachau memorial service which the Germans arranged to precede the opening of the Games.

ational experience on the eve of the Games could affect their performance. The officials have not even this excuse. Since the group's arrival at the Games the number of officials has multiplied, and it can be assumed that none of them paid their own way to Munich, these free visits representing a new "sport."

The blame for the absence of most of the Israel contingent from the Dachau memorial service should be placed more with the offhand attitude of the numerous "officials" who are accompanying the competitors than to these themselves. The sportsmen may claim that an emo-

It is time that more official thought and care were given to the organizing of sports in this country, or soon lost matches will come to seem the least of the evils in Israel sports.

VIOLENCE UNDIVIDED

VIOLENCE is undivided, like peace. Rabbi Meir Kahane's career has included strong-arm tactics at almost every stage. He had sympathizers and admirers when he organized security patrols for Jewish schoolboys unable to get to their homes in racially mixed sections of New York without being molested and harassed.

courage in speaking out for Arab-Jewish co-existence, the independent-minded Sheikh will not have been frightened by every stage. He had sympathizers and admirers when he organized security patrols for Jewish schoolboys unable to get to their homes in racially mixed sections of New York without being molested and harassed.

There has been precious little sympathy for the activities of J.D.L. hoodlums here, when they interfered with demonstrations of which they did not approve. Recently there has been widespread anger at the attempt to harass and provoke Sheikh Ja'abari, Mayor of Hebron. As the man conspicuous for his

Yesterday, Rabbi Kahane told the foreign press about a group that plans to kidnap Soviet diplomats in New York. "to force the U.S.S.R. to revoke their ransom demands for Soviet Jews." The margin between knowing those responsible, "condoning" their plans and acting as their spokesman, and being responsible for their actions is dangerously narrow. Violence is indivisible, and random violence is a crime against justified political protest. Rabbi Kahane, who has only very recently come to live in Israel, gravely underestimates Israel's desire for peaceful negotiations at all levels.

ISRAEL PRESS

'New York Times' interview

Two papers comment on the interviews with Prime Minister Golda Meir and King Hussein, published in the "New York Times."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam), gathering that the Prime Minister had taken the occasion to warn Egypt against any expectation of American pressure on Israel to withdraw, adds: "It would have been better had Mrs. Meir's reservations been accompanied by words of encouragement for Egypt, and had she stressed that we were prepared to settle for secure borders — agreement thereon being reached through compromise and mutual understanding. The same applies to Jordan. We would be doing harm to the prospect of peace with her if we do not encourage King Hussein."

She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) concludes from the interview with King Hussein that the prospects for a settlement on important issues are close to nil. "Hussein is not budging one inch and our importunings and urgent feelers merely serve to whet his appetite."

Davar and Omer (Histadrut) refer to Monday's Cabinet resolution to hold the I.D.F. parade on the coming Independence Day.

Davar writes: "The decision is a right one only if it applies to the

25th anniversary celebrations of the establishment of the State. Periodical — such as annual — military parades, however, should not again be made the practice."

Omer justifies the government's decision, saying that "a military parade as a central feature gives an aura of popularity to Independence Day."

Al-Kuds (independent Arab daily) writes that an end must be put to the Jewish Defence League's provocations against the Arab population. Denouncing "the ugly" allegations aimed at stirring the Jews against the Arabs, the newspaper says that the J.D.L.'s claims for the return of Jews to Arab-populated areas might as well be countered with claims for the return of Arabs to Jewish-populated areas throughout the country. Al-Quds says that the J.D.L., "which comes from America," certainly does not contribute to the cause of peace between Arabs and Jews.

Al-Anba (official Arab-language daily) considers that the recent Middle East statement by U.S. Presidential Adviser Henry Kissinger has put an end to speculation surrounding Washington's policy in the region in the aftermath of the Russian pullout from Egypt.

Indo-Pak. goodwill evaporating

By TREVOR DREIBERG Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI — THE goodwill and understanding generated between India and Pakistan at the Simla conference barely two months ago is evaporating fast. The suspicion deepens here daily that President Bhutto is unable to fulfil the pledges he gave Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the agreement they signed after the summit meeting as well as orally. His inability — some say unwillingness — to do this appears partly due to pressure from the top-most levels of the Pakistani armed forces, and partly to Chinese prodding to get Islamabad to take a tougher attitude to New Delhi.

One of these pledges was early recognition of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, accompanied by that country's entry into the U.N. Now China has blocked entry in the Security Council, and the obvious inference drawn here is that Pakistan does not intend recognizing the new state in the immediate future. The logical consequence of these developments is that India will not return the 94,000 Pakistani prisoners of war since Bangladesh must agree to this transfer and will not do so without prior recognition.

Prime Minister Mujibur Rahman has repeatedly said he would not negotiate with Pakistan on any issue until Islamabad accepts his country's independence as an irreversible fact. The Chinese veto will only stiffen Dacca's views on this issue, and New Delhi will find it more difficult to urge Dacca to stay the trial of Pakistanis accused of war crimes against the people of Bangladesh.

China's taboo on Bangladesh is seen here as a lever for pressuring Sheikh Mujib to draw away from India and agree to hold direct talks with Mr. Bhutto for a peace settlement that excludes India. This squares with Mr. Bhutto's declared aim of establishing close links between the "Islamic" parts of the Indian subcontinent.

A change from the Pakistani President's much-praised reasonableness at Simla is evident in Islamabad's present stand on Kashmir. Mr. Bhutto seems to have promised then to agree to withdraw the issue from the United Nations and settle it through direct talks with India. As a first step in this direction India wanted Pakistani support for



Street scene in Dacca.

(Kurt Uga, Camera Press)

New Delhi's demand that the U.N. military mission in Kashmir be recalled. New Delhi holds that the mission, appointed in 1948, has no further role to play in Kashmir since last December's fighting radically altered the cease-fire line the mission was entrusted with supervising.

Removal of the U.N. observers serves a deeper political motive. India feels that the world body's intervention in Kashmir has opened a path for "unfriendly" powers to egg Pakistan on to press its claims to the territory instead of accepting the reality that Kashmir is a part of India.

India asked Pakistan to accept the new cease-fire line as a prelude to talks for a final settlement on Kashmir without outside interference. Implied in acceptance of the new line was that it would later become a fixed international boundary between India and Pakistan.

WOL CRAWL The slow crawl towards agreement has now been reversed because of Pakistan's reluctance to tell the observers to pack up and quit and to accept the present line. The army generals are believed to have told Mr. Bhutto not to accept the Indian proposals as this would

amount to a surrender of Pakistan's vital interests. The generals are said to have Peking's backing, as the Chinese leaders view continuance of the dispute over Kashmir as an excuse for further meddling in the affairs of the subcontinent.

Peking and New Delhi are working at cross-purposes. Mrs. Gandhi wants a peaceful solution of all the outstanding differences between India and Pakistan on one hand and Bangladesh and Pakistan on the other as the basis for economic cooperation and an agreed strategy to keep the subcontinent free from big-power interference.

Peking wants to keep the sources of infection alive. This is how New Delhi interprets the latest actions of the Chinese and Pakistani leaders and doubts about the possibility of a lasting peace with Pakistan are consequently growing. So is the fear that Mr. Bhutto may be losing his grip on Pakistan. The language flots in Sind immediately after the Simla talks and restiveness among the tribes living on the border of Afghanistan are believed to have weakened him in relation to the generals who reluctantly made him President nine months ago.

India is interested in shoring Mr. Bhutto up because he seems the only Pakistani politician capable of

giving his country a fairly stable, democratic government with popular support. But this prospect has dimmed as a result of recent political developments in Pakistan.

WITHDRAWAL

The Simla pact envisaged withdrawal of Indian and Pakistani troops from the territory they had occupied in each other's country in December. This was to have taken place at the end of August, and Mr. Bhutto stood to gain considerably as India holds about 3,000 square miles of Pakistani territory. But the pullout has been stalled by failure to agree on the Kashmir line. Thus, the refusal to recognize Bangladesh and the bar on its joining the U.N. are serious setbacks to the process of relaxation which began at Simla.

In the circumstances, it is difficult to see what Mr. Bhutto expects to gain from a second meeting with Mrs. Gandhi in September. He must first choose between peace and cooperation with India and Bangladesh or going along with China's troublemaking role in the subcontinent.

Mr. Bhutto must choose soon, for if the signals from Pakistan are being read correctly in New Delhi his time for decision is running out rapidly.

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YEHIAM SLAUGHTER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I read with amazement your Political Reporter's article of August 15, according to which, at a meeting of the Liberal Party, Central Committee, I had accused the Maronite Community of having participated in the slaughter of the convoy to Yehiam during the War of Independence.

I never said any such thing. In my speech, I attacked Archbishop Raya for replying to the Prime Minister, when she was describing to him the history of the State and its wars, that "I did not come here to listen to a lecture on wars," and I asked where he, the Archbishop, and the spokesmen of his Community had been at the time of the slaughter of the convoy to Yehiam, and when a Lebanese Army column broke through to Malkiyya and Ramot Natallim in 1948 in order to help up in Sa'ad with a Syrian Army column advancing from Mishmar Hayarden. MEIR MEIBAR

19TH CENTENARY OF MASSADA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — I am not a Jew, but I am a great admirer of Jewish heroism, past and present. I have no quarrel with the Arabs and I only wish that they and your brave countrymen will one day reach a fair and amicable settlement of their long, drawn-out dispute without bloodshed.

Next spring, it will be the 19th centenary of one of the most thrilling and heroic episodes of Jewish history, namely your resistance at Massada. I would suggest that, on that occasion, special commemorative celebrations be organized in Massada to remind the Jewish generations of their ancestors' brave heroism. A. J. MONTANARO-GAVOVI

Valletta, Malta, July 10.

ABSURD RESULT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir — With reference to Stanley Uss report on South Africa (August 15), I wish to emphasize the fact that General Smuts and his United Party had a large majority of votes in 1948, yet lost the election. This absurdity was made possible by the undemocratic system of constituencies in South Africa — the system some people are now trying to introduce in Israel. ARNOLD DOWDES

Moshav Kidron, August 17.

RUMANIANS HEAR SOME TRUTH

By NEAL ASCHERSON

LONDON (Orn). — THE Party Secretary is putting a question to the colonel in charge of the secret police in his huge office lined with files on every man and woman in the district. "Are you sure, with all your Communist conscience, that these men worked deliberately to bring us to disaster?"

Through thin lips, the colonel replies: "If necessary, it can be made to appear that way..."

This is a scene, a central scene, from a film made not in the anti-Communist West but in Rumania. It comes from "The Power and the Truth," an enormous political epic on the post-war tragedies and triumphs of the Rumanian Communist Party which had its premiere in Bucharest early this year. With moments like this in it, nobody is surprised that it has been playing to packed cinemas up and down the land ever since.

Rumania is an independent country, within the Warsaw Pact, but not a particularly free one. Intellectuals in neighbouring countries, far more cautious in their dealings with Moscow, but socially and culturally a great deal more open and relaxed, tend to be a little malicious about the privations and restrictions still imposed on the ordinary Rumanian. Certainly, there has never been any dazzling dawn of freedom, false or otherwise, of the kind which other East European countries experienced in 1956 or 1968.

POLITICAL POLICE

Few Rumanians travel West: the political police is as industrious and vigilant as ever. And yet a film like "The Power and the Truth," shows that the Rumanian leadership under President Nicolae Ceausescu, wants the nation to understand that the Party regards the monstrous injustices of the 'fifties with horror, and is determined — while maintaining discipline — never to return to them.

The film is about a group of



Nicolae Ceausescu



Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej

Communists, comrades from the anti-Fascist resistance, and the different paths they tread when the Party has won power. Stolan is the Party Secretary, a big, generous, rough bull of a man who gradually becomes a ruthless local tyrant, surrounded by toadies and henchmen and losing touch with practical and human realities. His close friend is young Duma, his deputy, a passionate and sensitive person who becomes steadily more disillusioned by Stolan's brutal methods and contempt for economic common sense.

The Party decides to build a dam. Engineer Petrescu, another of the old comrades, warns that it won't be safe in the site Stolan wants. He is subjected to pressure, denounced, finally arrested and consigned to the torturers of the secret police. At his trial, he confesses that he was trying to sabotage the project on behalf of foreign class enemies.

Duma refuses to accept this confession. He pesters Stolan until the two friends are thoroughly estranged but finally secures Petrescu's release. The chosen dam-site duly turns out to be disastrous. With his self-confidence beginning to disintegrate, Stolan goes to confront Colonel Orariu, the security chief, with the charge that he has been extorting false admissions by faked evidence and torture. The colonel makes his suggestion that other workers on the site could be framed

as "saboteurs" instead of Petrescu. Stolan fires him, and soon resigns himself. Duma replaces him. Under the rehabilitated Petrescu, a new dam is built in a safe location, and Duma generously allows the disgraced Stolan and even the colonel to attend its inauguration.

It is a moving, forceful film. It is not the full story of the 'fifties and Stolanism in Rumania, which is why Bucharest will refer to it as "The Truth, by the Power." But it is both a pledge, and a sort of inoculation.

Implicitly, the film promises that Rumania will never return to arbitrary terror, or to grandiose planning conceived without regard to human cost or economic effectiveness. And it is an attempt to inoculate Rumanian public opinion against any uncontrolled surge towards liberalized socialism, by injecting a measured dose of self-criticism by the Party for its excesses in the past.

"The Power and the Truth," made by the famous director Titus Popovici, contains many obvious references to the terrifying "Confession" the film about the Stansky trials by Costas Gavras; Engineer Petrescu, for example, is driven to

interrogation in the same sinister black goggles that Yves Montand wore in the role of Arthur London. Rumanians have not been allowed to see "The Confession," and it is unlikely that they will be given the chance in the near future. "The Power and the Truth" is meant to satisfy the same curiosity, but at the same time to end on a much more "positive" note. The film takes pains to argue that there is no irreconcilable gulf between the old Stalinists and the more humane and practical men who succeeded them. At the end, the victimized and then resuscitated Petrescu says thoughtfully: "After all, Stolan was right too. We do have to build or die. There is a synthesis to be made."

This is a very Rumanian thought. The drive to build up and industrialize this once backward nation is the supreme cause. The charge against Stolan and his generation is that they hindered this cause, through stupidity and over-enthusiasm, rather than that they betrayed socialism by their tyrannies. The mistakes of the past are lessons to be learned, rather than grounds for political disaffection. For those who see the film, there is no difficulty in seeing who Stolan and Duma are meant to evoke: old Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, the patriotic but ruthless leader of earlier years, and his young and adulated successor, Nicolae Ceausescu.

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